

RETROROSPECT

1956







Betty Lawrence
57

Bill Copp

Have Luke
57

Longa
57

Kay Enkeby

Big
Rudy
59

Don't
Betsy
57

Bill Larmore

Don't
57

One Down to another
-Biffo-

Carol Schuler
57

Larry Markley
59

Bar Mear
57

Mandy
58

Frank
Meyer
57

Don't
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Best of Luck
Fred Murray
"58"

Close to Hell
Furber from Heaven
Bluffton's class of "57"

How's Jack?
Longman?

So a little
Brown nose
who has more
trouble with
boys than anyone
else living or
dead.

Yours always
Pat

See how you
no matter
what you may
try to do to me
"Honest Johnny"

I & a girl and her
frised us. Tell - - -
to be more careful. I have
your hands off of a villain
any more want. Don't take
boy who can't take it. all together
haven't we had a lot of fun lately
with the Petroleum gypsies.
(no bad feelings)
Guess who!!

So a fellow math
suffer, Bugs
57

Jan
- 57 -

To Stranden
Wick Ave
Sommer

Moments to Remember



Retrospect

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UPPER LEFT: Mr. Ulmer, Mr. Compton, and Mr. McNown talk over teaching problems before the bell rings.

UPPER RIGHT: "Fitz" shows the speech class how to bake a cake.

LEFT: Gibson informs Shafer of the correct time.

LOWER LEFT: "Rock" Ulmer and Judy Guthrie are the center of attention as they dance to a fast record.

LOWER RIGHT: Virgil smiles proudly over his Football Triumph Trophy.

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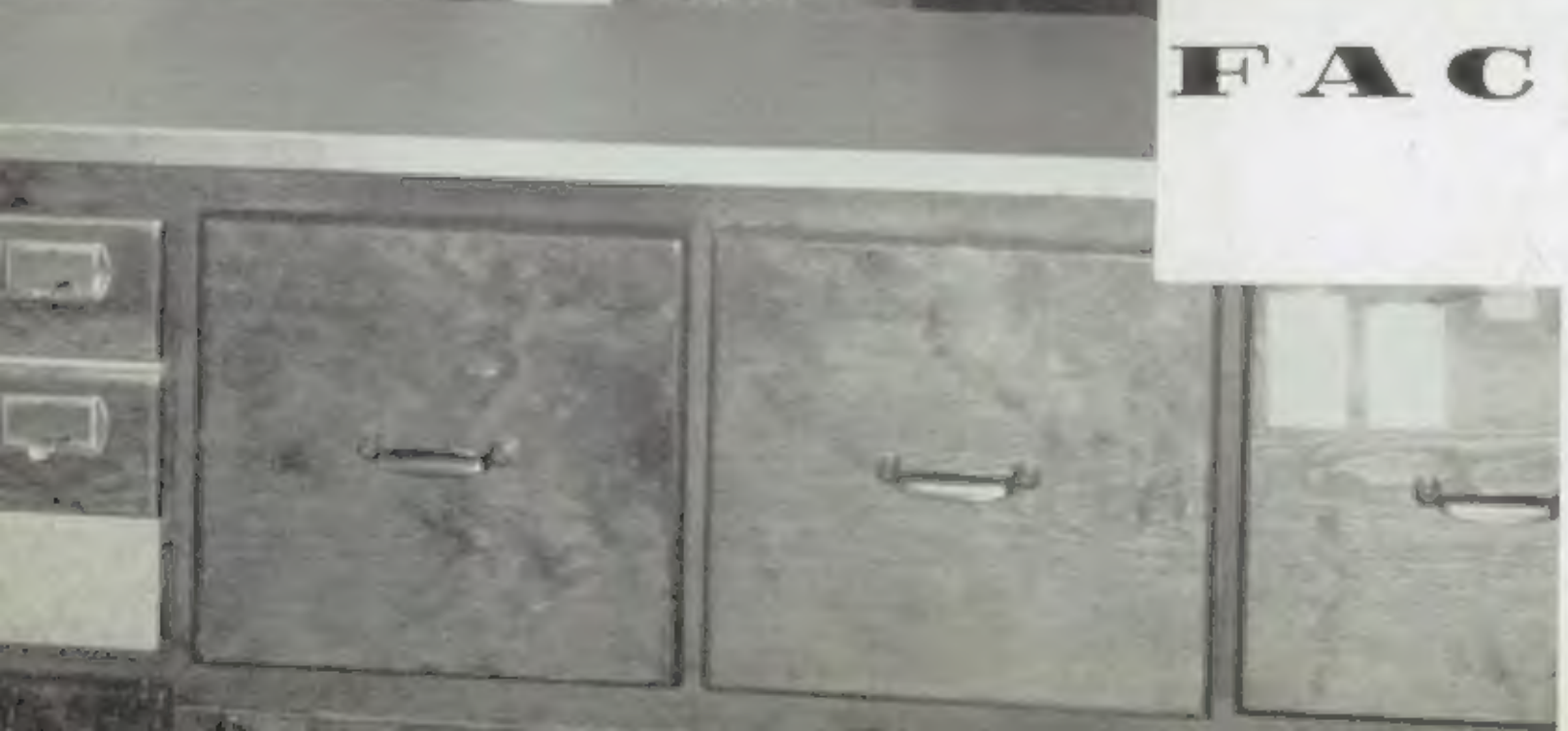
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The school bell summoned everyone back for another year,





FACULTY





As you open this Retrospect, the scene of the Sectional Tourney jumps out at you. Thrilling, exciting, and many other adjectives may be used to describe this event, but when you see the actual scene, it brings back memories. We hope that this Retrospect will help you remember your high school days, the most wonderful days of your life. So sit down in the school desk and put yourself in the shoes of your high school days, your "Moments To Remember!"





Dr. H. D. Brickley, who has served on the board fifteen years, is one of the leading physicians in our town. He is president of the school board.



Mr. John H. Edris, a lawyer in the law firm of Edris and Edris, is greatly interested in the education of youth. He serves as treasurer of the school board.

the new faces as well as the old.



Mr. Craven Emshwiller, a tax accountant, is serving his first year on the board. He is the secretary of the school board.

Mr. Willey, Superintendent

Another school year has been completed and your high school graduation is the beginning of a new experience. We have high hopes for your future and know that your high school experience has given you the knowledge and courage to meet the demands of this changing world.



Mr. Park, Principal

With graduation from high school the members of the Class of 1956 have passed another milestone in their journey through life. It is hoped that those experiences you had in high school will enable you to continue to assume your responsibilities to your community.



For some of us it was the beginning of our final year,

Secretaries

Mrs. Rix and Mrs. Dotterer carry on the necessary office work. Tardy slips, telephone calls, and school records fill their days. These two busy people are always ready with a smile and a helping hand.





Mary E. Beitler

B.S. M.S., Ball State Teachers College
English and Girls' Physical Education
G.A.A. Sponsor; Assistant Class Play Director; Junior Class Sponsor



Robert N. Bennett

B.M., Butler University Commerce;
Ticket Chairman; Junior Class Sponsor.



Lois S. Bodkin

A.B., Indiana State Teachers College;
Latin and English; Latin Club Sponsor;
Assistant Class Play Director; Senior Class Sponsor



and for others it was a new exciting experience long to be remembered.



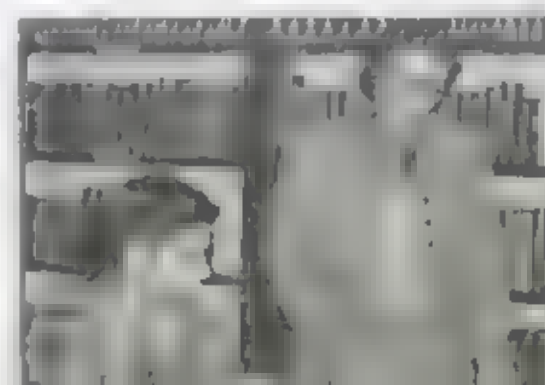
Ralph Broman

A.B., Ball State Teachers College,
Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry;
Senior Class Sponsor



Genevieve Christian

B.S., M.S., Ball State Teachers College;
Library Science; Assistant Director of
Dramatics; Sponsor of Student Librarians





Leroy Z. Compton

B.S., Butler University; M.S., Indiana University; Boys' Physical Education and Driver Training; Basketball and Baseball Coach; Junior Class Sponsor



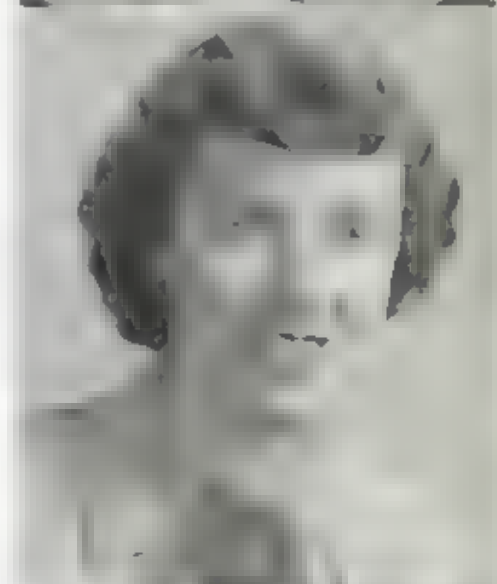
Beverley Conwell

B.M., Indiana University; Vocal Music; Director of Girls' Chorus and Boys' Glee



Evelyn G. Crownover

B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Vocational Home Economics; Y-Teen Sponsor



We were confident of ourselves



Eugene Edington

B.S., M.S., Ball State Teachers College; Boys' and Driver Training; Intramural Basketball Sponsor; Sophomore Class Sponsor



Jane Elshere

B.S., Manchester College; English and Speech; Quill and Scroll Sponsor; Retrospect Advisor; Freshman Class Sponsor





Herbert E. Hoffman

B.S., M.S., Purdue University; Social Science and Driver Training; Football and Track Coach; Freshman Basketball Coach; Sophomore Class Sponsor.



Joseph F. Larmore

B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Industrial Arts; Assistant Football Coach; Official Timer; Freshman Class Sponsor.



Edwin R. McNown

A.B., Indiana University, Ed.D. in Social Science; Director of Dramatics; Sponsor of Thespian Society; Junior Class Sponsor



under the keen supervision of our faculty



Harold Pettyjohn

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B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Mathematics; Sponsor of Math Club; Senior Class Sponsor



Margaret Powers

A.B., DePauw University; Commerce; Sponsor of the National Honor Society; Sophomore Class Sponsor.





J. Robert Schlatter

B.M., M.S., Indiana University; Instrumental Music; Director of Marching and Concert Bands



Lawrence E. Templin

B.S., Manchester College; Industrial Arts; Director of Athletics and Intramural Program; Senior Class Sponsor



Lloyd A. Ulmer

B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Social Science; Hi-Y Sponsor; Freshman Class Sponsor

L. A. Ulmer



who with patience gave us courage and guidance



Mary E. Wallace

B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Art; Dabbler Sponsor



James E. Woolsey

B.S., Purdue University; Vocational Agriculture Future Farmers of America; Sponsor of Sophomore Class





UPPER LEFT: Mr. Emshwiller helps by announcing at the home ball games



UPPER RIGHT: The Crownovers and the Ulmers enjoy the Y-Teen Banquet



LEFT: Mr. McNown gives Mary Elston and Karen Santon some helpful hints

LOWER LEFT: The janitors, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Witzman, are busy preparing for the Sectional

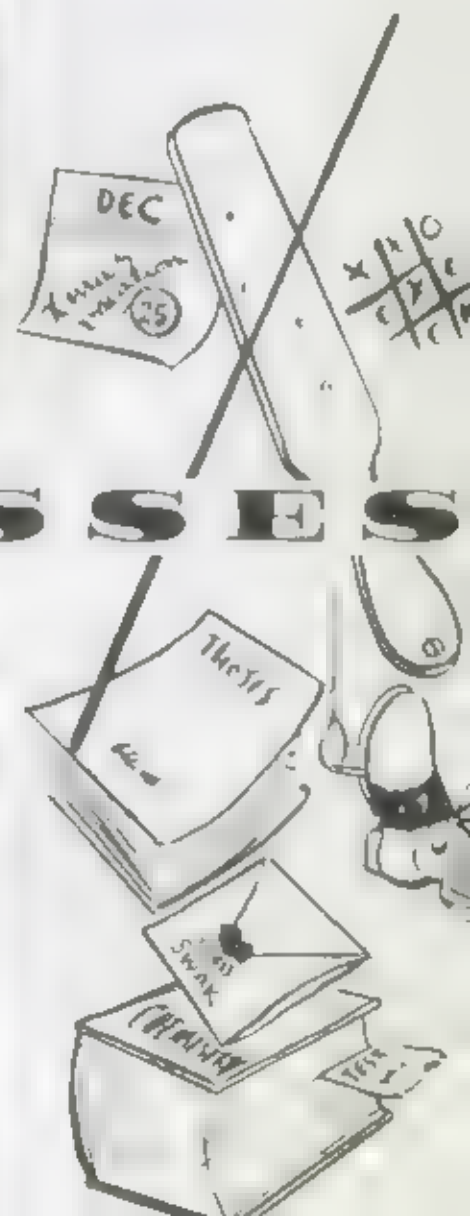
LOWER RIGHT: The bus drivers pose in a bus just before the dismissal bell rings. Left to right: Mr Huffman, Mr. Schlagenhauf, Mr. Lockwood, and Mr Murray. Not pictured, Mr. Neuenschwander.

to meet any problems, small or great.





CLASSES



DONNA ALBERSON

She is known to her friends as "Albie." Her job right now is working at the candy counter in the dime store, but after graduation she would like to get a job doing office work. General course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Band 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3

**BERNARD ARNOLD**

Everyone around school calls him Ben. His favorite pastime is bowling. He will either join the navy or attend art school after graduation. General course. Football 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 1; Wrestling 3; Intramural Basketball 4; Art Club 2, 3, 4.

**IVAN BEER**

During high school his main interests have been in the field of agriculture and he has participated in many of the FFA activities. His future plans include farming or factory work. Vocational Agricultural course. FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, pres. 3; Student Council 3; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4.

**NANCY BOWMAN**

"Nan" is noted for being full of pep and energy. Roller skating and collecting records are her favorite pastimes. In the future she would like to get a job in an office. General course. Comet 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1; G.A.A. 2, 3

**RICHARD ALEXANDER**

Horseback riding is Dick's hobby. After graduation he is planning to study agriculture at Purdue. He has been active in the field of agriculture all during high school. General course. F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, conductor 3, sec. 4; Wrestling 3; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4, Jr. Leader 3

IRIS AUGUST

"Ris" would like to study to be an airline hostess at Gale Institute. Her hobby is bowling and during her junior year she was a member of an intramural bowling team. She also enjoys baby sitting. General course. Y-Teens 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Comet 4

FRED BOOTH

Fred says everyone calls him "Speed." For the last several months he has been working at Farling's Supermarket, but next fall he will be headed for the U.S. Navy. His hobbies are race car and roller skating. General course. Wrestling 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3.

ROGER BRACHT

He has been working at the Phillips Station for the past several months. Roger says he doesn't have any definite plans yet for after graduation, but he will think of something. General course. Intramural Basketball 3, 4

Football concessions, dances,

JANICE BURROUGHS

"Jan" is headed for Ball State Teachers College where she plans to major in home economics and education. General course. National Honor Society 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Glee Club 1; Mixed Chorus 2; Class Vice pres. 1, 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Troop plan 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Retrospect scribe

**LINDA BROWN**

She has enjoyed student teaching at the Central Grade School and would like to prepare for a teaching career. Linda says she is always ready to yell for our basketball team. General course. Comet 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Cheer Block 1, 3, 4; Cheer Leader 2; G.A.A. 1, 2.

**JAY BROWER**

During his sophomore year Jay moved to Bluffton from Dayton, Ohio. He is interested in business administration and will either go to college or work at Franklin Electric next fall. General course. Comet 4; Junior play; Mixed Chorus 3; Basketball 2; Football 3, 4; Track 3; Intramural Basketball 3, 4

ANN CARNALL

Called "Annie" at B. H. S., she has majored in home economics during high school. After graduation a year of work is first on the agenda, and then perhaps college. General course. Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1; Cheer Block 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4

BETSY CARNALL

Elementary teaching beck-on- Bet" to the campus of Indiana University next fall. General course. Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 4; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Junior play; Senior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 4 pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4 ex-captain 4; Thespian 3, 4 sec. 4; G.A.A. 1; Retrospect literary editor; English Contest 4.

DONNA CROSBIE

She is known to many as "Bones." She has shown much interest in the field of nursing, and so next year we will find her at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne. General course. Retrospect scribe. Latin Club 2. Senior play student director; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2.

RICHARD DEAM

Although his name is Richard, he has always been known to us as "Pete." As captain of a team he has been active in intramural basketball this year and enjoys it very much. General course. Basketball 1; Football 1; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4, captain 4.

PHYLLIS DORRANCE

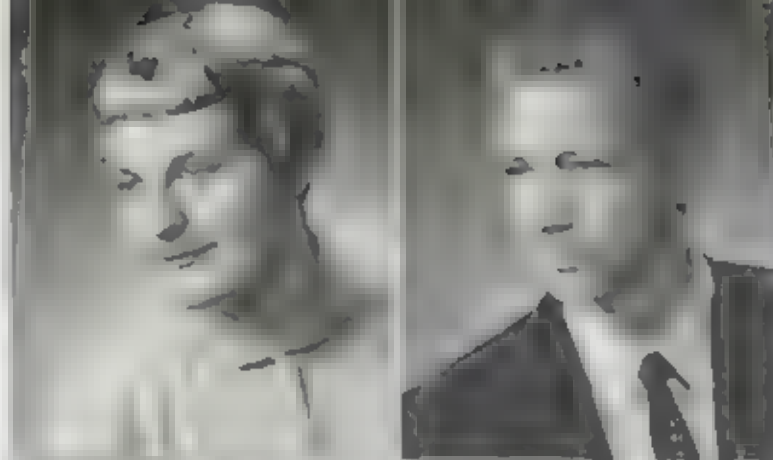
"Phyl" has long been an Eddie Fisher fan. She is excited about her future plans which include study at Heidelberg College and then elementary teaching. General course. Retrospect scribe; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, treas. 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4.

JOSEPH EMSHWILLER

This busy lad will attend college next fall. Academic course. Retrospect sports editor; Comet 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Junior play; Senior play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Track 3, 4; Wrestling 2; Intramural Basketball 3, 4, captain 4; Thespian 3, 4; Senior Rotarian.

JOHN FITZPATRICK

It's business at I. U. for "Fitz." Academic course. Retrospect sports editor; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Junior play; Senior play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Captain 3; pres. 4; Student Council 1, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Rotarian; Hoosier Boys' State.

**JERRY CHRISTIANSON**

He is known to all for his drawing ability shown especially around Sectional time in his character sketches of the basketball team members. He is joining the air force after graduation. General Industrial Arts course. F.F.A. 4; Football 2, 3; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 4; Art Club 1, 2.

CAROLYN CROY

Carolyn's favorite pastime is playing the piano. She is now working part-time in the office of the News Banner, and plans to continue working there after graduation. Commercial course. Comet 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Cheer block 2, 3, 4.

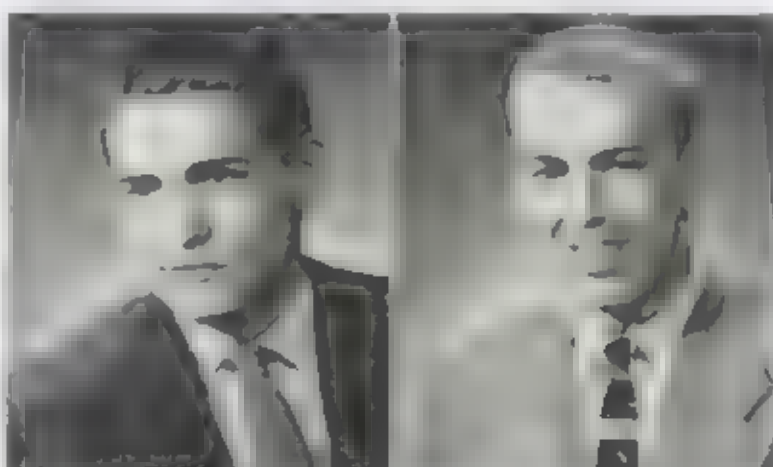
JUDY DEMING

Known as "Dui" to everyone, we find her interested in skating, dancing, and swimming. She will take nurse's training at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. General course. Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1; Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, sec. 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3; G.A.A. 1, 2.

MARY ELSTON

Next fall we will find "Elsie" on the campus of Ball State where she will major in business. Retrospect scribe; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor society 4; Latin Club 4; practical Science Club 2; Junior play; Senior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Mixed Chorus 2; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1.

senior class play, cream cords.

**DAVID FLOWERS**

Everybody knows that "Posse's" hobby is athletics. Now he is a gas pump jockey but plans to attend Academic course. Retrospect sports editor; National Honor Society 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Student Council 1, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Glee Club 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; State Scholastic Contests 1, 2; Senior Rotarian; National Merit Scholarship test 4.

DON FOREMAN

Flying is Don's hobby and he made his first solo flight last September. After commencement he will either join the air force or do road construction work. General course. Student Council 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, sentinel 2; 4-H 1.

ROBERT FRANZE

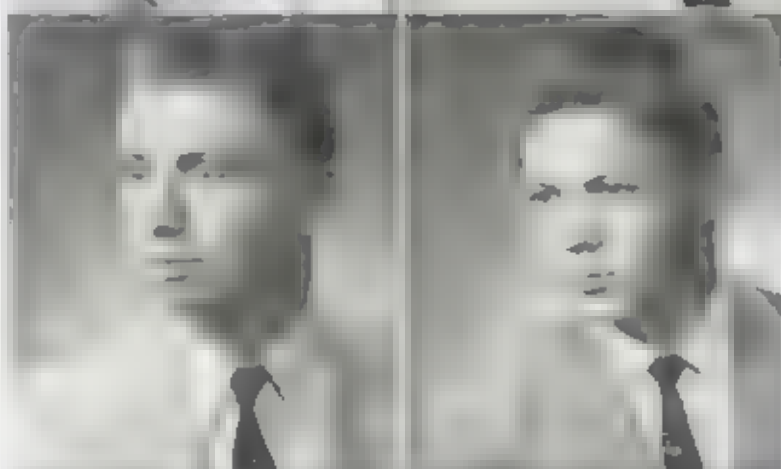
Bob is well-known around Bluffton High School for his musical ability. Everyone likes to listen to him play his trombone. Besides music, he is interested in motorcycles and hunting. General course. Intramural basketball 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, vice-pres. 4

**DOROTHY GASS**

Dor has a secretary's job in view after completing school. She has always been one of the most faithful members of the band. Commercial course. Comet 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4 sec. 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Comet 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class sec. 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1; Thespian 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, pres. 3; D. A. R. Award; Psi Ote Ring; Hoosier Girls' State; Retrospect business manager

**ROBERT GELOW**

Bob is headed for the navy. To be an electronics technician is his ambition and so after his hitch with Uncle Sam he would like to go to school in Chicago. Sounds like a great career! General course. Wrestling 1, 2, 3



Sandra Groh

SANDRA GROH
Sandy sounds like a future homemaker, because she says her hobbies are cooking and baking. She also likes to travel. Her future plans include a secretarial job. General course. Comet 4; Cheer Block 3, 4

**BERNICE GAISER**

To her friends she is known as "Bunny". During her senior year she transferred to Bluffton High School from Cemetie High School in Southwest Harbor, Maine. After graduation she will continue to be a homemaker and also plans to take a beautician's course. General course

JAMES GEELS

A member of the 1955 undefeated football team, Jim was voted honorary captain at the end of the season. He is planning on attending college but is not sure where. General course. Comet 4; Science Club 2; Senior play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Senior Rotarian.

JACK GREGG

After commencement he will probably heed his country's call, joining the U.S. Navy. After finishing his service he is considering additional schooling. Academic course. Baseball 1, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4, captain 4

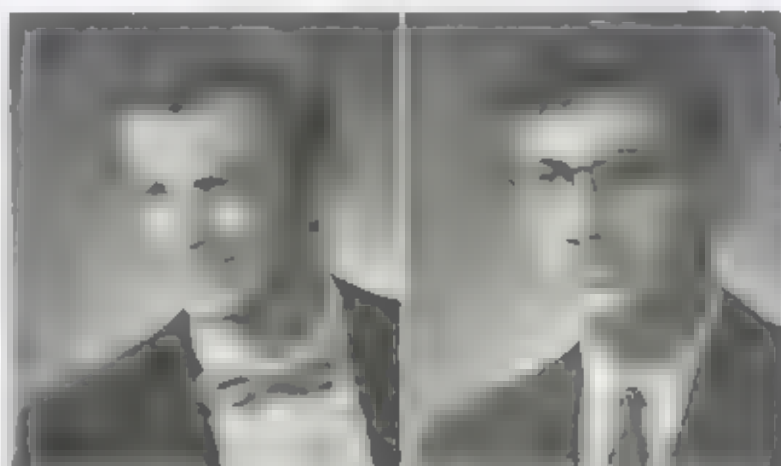
JOHN HARVEY

John is well known around the school for his many talents. He is a very attractive young man who has no special plans beyond that. General course. Hi-Y 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 3, 4.

commencement announcements, caps and gowns,

WILLIAM HALL

"Kit" moved to Bluffton from Rome City for his senior year and soon made a place for himself here. Boat racing and water skiing are his hobbies. He is planning to study aeronautical engineering at Purdue. Academic course. Retrospect scribe; Latin Club 4; Hi-Y 4; Intramural Basketball 4; Track 4

**DONALD HIGGINS**

Better known as "Hig," he has the next few years of his future all mapped out. He plans to go into the army in July. General Industrial Arts course. Comet 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Intramural Basketball 3, 4

**JOHN HARNESS**

Working at the G. C. Murphy Company after school and on Saturdays, John finds little time for fishing, his favorite recreation. His future plans may include further schooling. General course. Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

VIVIAN HILL

"Viv" will be looking for secretarial work after she finishes high school. She has been very busy typing the Retrospect copy and has done a fine job. General course. Retrospect typist; Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4; State Latin Contest 1; English Contest 4

STEVEN HINESLEY

Although he lives in town, Steve has been interested in farming and has been active in the various F. F. A. projects. So far he is undecided about his future plans. Vocational Agriculture course. Hi-Y 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, sentinel 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4

**CAROLYN HUFFMAN**

After working a year following graduation, she would like to attend nurses' training. In her freshman year one of her posters was entered in the National District Art Contest. General course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 2, 3

**BEVERLY INSKEEP**

"Bev" has several different interests—rhythm and blues music, and letter writing. She would like to take nurses' training at St. Joseph's Hospital and later specialize in surgery. General course. Comet 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

**BEN KING**

As a cheerleader he has helped raise many cheers for the Bluffton ball teams this year. After commencement Ben plans to go to trade school. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1; Band 1, 2, 3; Cheer Leader 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

**JOHN KRINN**

His hobbies are taking care of horses and horseback riding. He plans to farm after graduation. Participation in agricultural activities in school have led to this decision. General course. F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, treas. 3, 4 H 1, 2

**DONALD LOCKWOOD**

Next fall we will find Don at Manchester College studying to be a high school teacher and coach. Don's scoring has always been an asset to our basketball team. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, sergeant-at-arms 4; Student Council 4; F. F. A. 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, Jr. leader 1, 2; Senior Rotarian

**NONDES HOLLOWAY**

Noted for her artistic ability, she has applied her talent to many school activities. She will attend art school next fall. General course. Retrospect staff; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2, scribe 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2, 3, 4, sec. 3, pres 4

**JACK HUSS**

He says his nickname is "Tug." He supervised the decoration of the Christmas tree during his senior year. After school is out, he plans to join the air force. General course. Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1; Football manager 1, 2, 4; Track 2; Wrestling 2, 3; Tennis 2; Intramural 4.

**VIRGIL KAHN**

"Virg" is small but mighty. He was winner of the Football Triumph Trophy last spring. After finishing school he will join the army. Then he would like to be a machinist. General course. Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4

**ESTHER KNEUSS**

This summer we will find Esther working as a car hop at Macy's Root Beer Stand. In the fall she plans to attend Comptometer School in Fort Wayne. Commercial course. Comet 3, 4; Junior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4

and diplomas, together with

RICHARD**LAUTZENHEISER**

He is better known around school as Dick. In the spring he may be found on the baseball diamond where he has helped the team on to many victories. He wants to work for awhile and then join the armed forces. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 4.

**CAROLYN M. FARRER**

Carolyn is interested in photography, in her hobby and in photography. She wants to get her education at Hagerston College and then do secretarial work. Commercial course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4



DIANA MADDUX

Here is another girl who plans to be an elementary teacher. She will attend Manchester College. She is an enthusiastic sports' fan. Academic course. Retrospect literary editor; Comet 2, 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Junior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sports head 4; Art Club 1, 2; J.V. Town Meeting 4; National Merit Scholarship test 4

FRANKIE MARSHMAN

We find her now working at the Clinic Hospital as a switchboard operator. Later she plans to attend Ball State to study home economics which she wants to teach. Vocational Home Economics course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, vice-pres. 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4

SARA LEE MYERS

Here is another future nurse from B.H.S. The Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis will be her home for the next three years. Academic course. Retrospect associate editor; Comet 2, 3, 4, business manager 3; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Junior play, Senior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1; Thespian 3, 4, vice-pres. 4; H. 2, pres. 2

STEPHEN NEWELL

Even though Steve moved to Bluffton from Tiffin, Ohio, at the start of his junior year, he soon became active in school life. To become a civil engineer is his ambition. General course. Football 3, 4; Track 3; Intramural Basketball 4

**HARRY MARSHALL**

He is now working part-time at Franklin Electric, but he is in the dark about his future plans. Harry says his main interest is motor cycles. General course. Junior play; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2; Wrestling 1, 2, 3

CHARLES MYERS

He is often called "Chad." After graduating from high school Chad will go into the armed forces. He is not sure which branch of the service he will join. Chad likes guns and so enjoyed participating in the Rifle Club. General course Rifle Club 3, treas. 3

CAROLYN NEFF

Carolyn is known around school as "Neffie," she is all set to take an elementary teaching job over College. General course. Retrospect literary editor; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3; Thespian 4

Good Luck

Carolyn

CAROLYN**NEUENSCHWANDER**

She says she is known to some people as "Dutchie." Although she is not certain what the future may hold in store for her, she thinks she would like to have a secretarial job. General course Comet 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4

memories of fun, laughter,

CHARLES OSBORN

He is known to most of us as "Charlie." He spends most of his spare time taking tickets, selling popcorn, and ushering at the Grand Theater. After graduation he plans to join the Marines. General course, Hi-Y 2, 3, 4

BARBARA PENROD

Bowling is her favorite pastime and during her junior year she received a medal for being one of the top five G.A.A. bowlers. Commercial course. Art Club 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4, reporter 1, sec. 2, vice-pres. 3; G.A.A. bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4

**DON PACE**

"Donnie" is his nickname. He has many hobbies but believes that fishing is his favorite hobby. He is not fully decided as to what he will do after graduation but says he will find something interesting. General course

EDRUAN PORTER

During her high school days Edruan has worked hard in her commercial subjects preparing herself in the business field. After graduation she plans to obtain an office job. Commercial course. Cheer Block 3, 4

JAMES RHODES

One of the busiest people in BHS., Jim will attend Belmont College. General Course. Retro. ed.; Comet 2, 3, 4, ed. 3; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; Natl. Honor Soc 3, 4, Pres. 4; Latin Club 2, 3, 4, consul 4; Science Club 2; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, treas. 3; Stud. Coun. 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class ath. coun. 1; Vice-pres. 2; Football 1; Baseball mgr. 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Thesp. 3, 4; State Lat. Cont. 1, 2; Sr. Rot. Natl. Sch. test 4; Rot. Speech Cont. 3

**JULIA ROMINE**

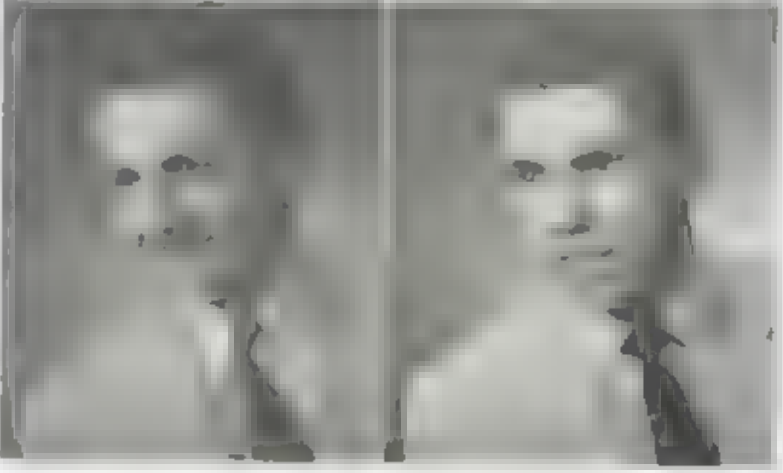
"Judy" has been another busy typist of Retrospect copies. She will attend International Business College in Ft. Wayne. Beyond that, her future plans are not completely definite, but probably will include secretarial work. Commercial course. Retrospect typist; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4

**JOSEPH RUSH**

He will take care of his military obligations by joining the navy after graduation. Hunting and fishing are Joe's favorite hobbies during his spare time. General course. Mixed Chorus 1; Wrestling 1; Intramural Basketball 1; Art Club 3

**GERALD SCHAEFER**

"Archie" is often heard pounding away on his drums down in the band room. Drums are his main interest and he has been active in the band. He will soon be a "leatherneck" in the Marines. General course. Retrospect scribe; Student Council 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, president 4; Rifle Club 3, vice-president 3

**DONNA SUE RIGGLE**

Her nickname is "Wiggles." After finishing high school she plans to attend Indiana University. She says she will study to be an English teacher. Just before her sophomore year she moved here from Deer Creek, Indiana. General course. Y-Teens 4; Cheer Block 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4

RICHARD ROSS

Uncle Sam has Dick's future mapped out for the next few years. Dick will enlist in the air force upon completion of high school. General Industrial Arts course. Comet 4; Junior play 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4, captain 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Art Club 1.

KAREN SANTON

Nursing has been Karen's ambition for many years. She has hurried this along by being a nurse's aide at the Clinic Hospital during high school. General course. Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 4; Junior play prompter; Senior play, Y-Teens 2, 3; Glee Club 1; Class treas. 1, 2, 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1

RICHARD SCHMIDT

Another very active "BHS-er," Dick has made plans to study business administration at Ball State. Academic course. Retrospect scribe, National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Jr. play; Sr. play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, sec. 3, vice-pres. 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2; Class pres. 2; vice-pres. 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2; Intramural Basketball 3, 4, captain 4; Sr. Rotarian

and hard work, made up our senior year at B. H. S.

ALLAN SCOTT

A powerhouse on our football teams, "Al" has marched down the football field for many touchdowns. He plans to take physical education in college. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Intramural Basketball 4.

**LARRY SCOTT**

Larry really made a path for himself when he drove down the basketball floor. He will join the army after graduation. When finished with his tour of duty he will farm. Vocational Agriculture course. FFA. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2; 4-H 1, 2

**ELEANOR SCOTT**

It sounds more natural to hear her called "Shod." Academic course. Retrospect literary ed.; Comet 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 2, 3; Quill and Scroll 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Sr. play student director; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Coun. 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class sec. 4; Cheer Block 1, 2; Thespian 3, 4, treas. 4; 4-H 1; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; State Scholastic Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; National Merit Scholarship test 4

ANITA SHEETS

Elementary teaching is Anita's goal. She will enter Ball State Teachers College next fall. Commercial course. Retrospect typist; Comet 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4, co-captain 4; Thespian 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 2, 3.

JOHN SMEKENS

The U. S. Navy will take care of John's career for the next few years. Maybe he will see the world! He tells us that cars are his hobby. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4. Class athletic councilman 3; Art Club 1; Intramural Basketball 3.

TOM SNIDER

Tom is an enthusiastic member of the band. First he played a baritone, but now he has temporarily switched to a sousaphone. His future plans are not yet definite. General Industrial Arts course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2; Rifle Club 3.

JANICE SPROWL HARNISH

Janice is a loyal Y-Teen member. She rarely misses a meeting. She is very interested in commercial work and plans in the future to be a homemaker and later a secretary. Commercial course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4.

MARTHA SUTTON

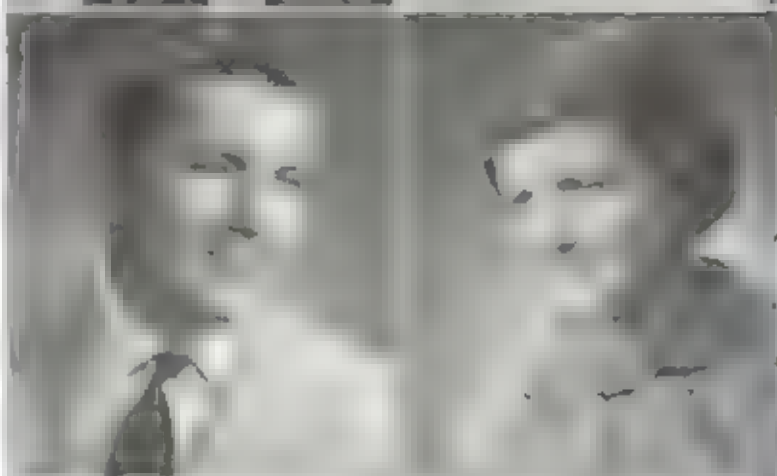
She has several hobbies which lean toward the domestic side—cooking, sewing, and writing letters. Her plans after graduation are not definite. She will probably help on the farm or get a job as a typist. General course.

JERRY THOMPSON

Jerry's hobby is to be a musician. He enjoys singing and is especially interested with rhythm sticks. In the future he plans to obtain a teaching job. General course. Glee Club 3; Mixed Chorus 1, 3, 4; Art Club 2.

GEORGE TURMAIL

After attending Purdue, George sees work as a canner in his future. He really likes all of those F.F.A. activities, especially the trip through the South. Academic course. Retrospect scribe; Junior play; F.F.A. 4; Wrestling 3; Intramural Basketball 4; 4H 1, 2, 3, 4, president 3.

**BARBARA SMELTZER**

"Barb" has been preparing for secretarial work all during high school. After graduation she will begin working along that line. She really yells for Bluffton at all the ball games. Commercial course; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4.

WILMA SPENCER

At the start of her senior year Wilma moved here from Monticello. She won the Betty Crocker "Homemaker of Tomorrow" contest at her school. Her hobbies are piano, organ, and ball games. Commercial course. Glee Club accompanist 4; Cheer Block 4.

DOROTHY STOGDILL

Her nickname might be classed as unusual—"Mog-gie." She will soon be found at Gale Institute, for she is interested in the field of airline communications. She collects records by the Four Freshmen. General course. Glee Club 1, 2; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; Rotary Speech Contest 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, sec. 4; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Retrospect scribe.

ROSEMARY TAYLOR

Rosie attended Lancaster Central, and then returned to Bluffton for her last two years of high school. In September she will go to International Business College to be a secretary. General course. Comet 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Cheer Block 3, 4; Thespian 3; G.A.A. 3.

During this year we have been preparing

SAMUEL TILLET

Here is one more senior who will be enlisting in the armed forces. Sam plans to go into the navy in July and make it his career. He will be a twenty-year man. During the last semester of his junior year he moved to Bluffton from Peru. General course.

PHILLIP TYNDALL

Phil's goal is to be a doctor. He will take pre-med at I. U. Academic course. Retrospect snapshot ed. Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Jr. play; Sr. play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class athletic coun. 4; Basketball 1, mgr. 3, 4; Football 1; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4, pres. 4; Sr. Rotarian; National Merit Scholarship test 4; Rotary Speech Contest 4.



JOHN ULMER

"Rock" has decided on a career as a veterinarian. Michigan State University is his destination for next fall. Academic course. Retrospect scribe; Comet 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Jr. play; Sr. play. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, sec. 4. Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Class ath coun 2. Basketball mgr 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; Sr. Rotarian

SHIRLEY VAN EMON

This pert little blond will make a cute secretary. This is what she plans to do after commencement. Her plans are not more definite than that, though. Commercial course. Comet 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4

BEVERLY WEAVER

We find that Bev. collects records and she likes to dance. She intends to get work as a secretary, but she also tells us that she might "settle down" soon. Commercial course. Comet 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3

**RICHARD UPTGRAFT**

It is well known that "Char-les's" hobby is athletics. He plans to attend baseball school in Missouri and then play professionally. He says he thinks that he will miss school next year. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Rotarian

KAREN VENIS

Karen will study in the field of home economics at Purdue. She is not absolutely sure just what she wants to specialize in. General course. Retrospect literary editor; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2; Senior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, treas. 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2

PATRICIA WELLS

"Stretch" is her nickname. She says her hobby is having fun—and she does, too. She is going on to school, but hasn't decided where. General course. Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 4; Art Club 1, 2, 4, vice-pres. 2, 4; Retrospect scribe 4; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior play prompter; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4 sec. 4; Band twirler 3, 4

ourselves for different surroundings. In the days to come,

Senior sponsors, Mr. P. H. ... Mr. ... Mr. Templin, and Mr. ...





Senior Officers

Officers for a thrill-packed senior year were: Dave Flowers, president; Dick Schmidt, vice-president; Eleanor Scott, secretary; Dorothy Gass, treasurer; and Phil Tyndall, ath. coun.

whether far or near, we will hold in our hearts

Senior History

The 1955-1956 school year opened with a "bang" for the Seniors. The mighty Tigers were led to an undefeated season by the thirteen senior lettermen. The beginning work on the Retrospect and rehearsals for "Double Door" kept them busy in the fall.

During the Christmas season, the seniors decorated the business district for the Chamber of Commerce.

In the spring they saw their last basketball game, their last pep session, and their last

dance as seniors. Amid term papers and final work on the Retrospect the seniors neared graduation.

That last week in May, the seniors listened solemnly to the words of advice given them at Baccalaureate, applauded their classmates on Class Day as awards and scholarships were presented, and last, with mist in their eyes, they turned the tassels and became alumni of B. H. S.



Dora Lee and Judy



Stars twinkle over the Junior-Senior Reception

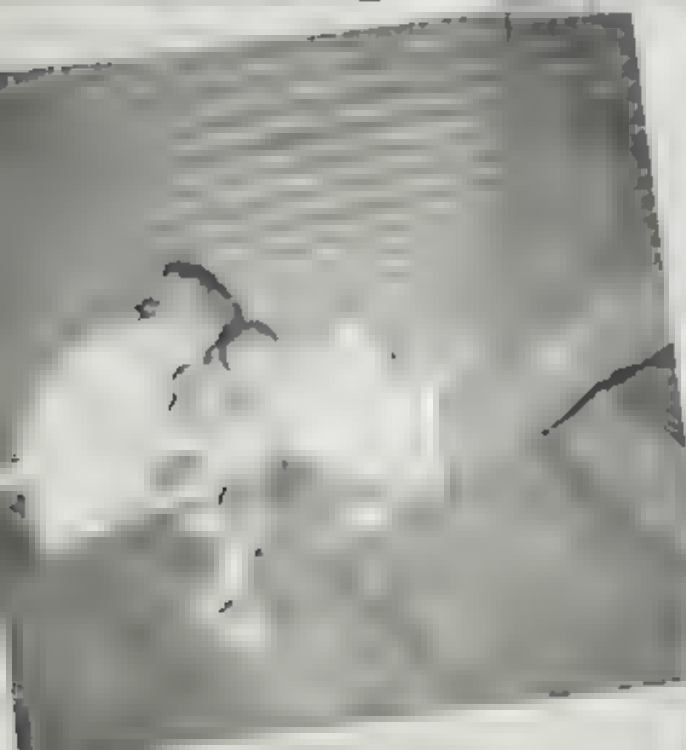
the memories of our high school days.

Seniors eagerly volunteer to answer Mrs. Bodger's question in biology.

Kurt Veris and Dick Schmidt rehearse their roles at play practice.

Carolyn Neff and Anita Sheets sell dance tickets to the underclassmen.

Betty Carnall, George Turmail, Jerry Thompson and Ann Carnall try on their caps and gowns.





Junior History

The highlight of the juniors' year was the arrival of class rings in September. In order to finance the traditional Junior-Senior Reception, the juniors went on a scrap drive which proved quite profitable. In March, "Time Out for Ginger" showed their acting talent and was very successful.

Junior class officers, Pres., Hook; Sec., Munson; Treas., Betsy Larmore; Vice-Pres., Hammond; and Ath. Coun., P. Van Emon, embark on their class project

Junior class sponsors, Mr. Bennett, Miss Beitler, Mr. Compton, and Mr. McNown, admire the Sectional bulletin board



Junior Class Members

ROW 1: D. Arnold, Barwiler, Bates, Carder, Cochran, Creek, Crump, Cupp, Jim Davis, Earhart
ROW 2: J. E. Eason, Eason, Eason, B. Eison, Freese, J. Gavin, S. Gray, Gross, Judy Guthrie, Hammond
ROW 3: E. Hatt, Hester, Hugh Hook, Ingmire, J. Inskeep, Isch, Johnston, Jones, E Khan

Class ring-, stage production,





Sophomore History

The sophomores returned last fall "old hands" at this high school business. They joined Hi-Y, Y-Teen, and other organizations and proved their worth by lending a helping hand in the clubs' projects. In December they sold carmel popcorn and jeebo and were very successful.

The record of the jeebo project is being kept by the sophomore class officers: Vice-Pres., R. Cupp; Treas., Helms; Pres., Tangeman; Sec., S. Geels, and Ath. Coun., Wallace

Miss Powers is assisted by her fellow class sponsors, Mr. Edington, Mr. Woolsey and Mr. Hoffman

Hi-Y, Y-Teens, jeebo

ROW 1: Arend, L. Arnold, Bachelor, Bailer, P. Barton, D. Bennett, Bercot, M. Betz, Bierie. ROW 2: C. Booth, B. Bowman, Butler, Campbell, C. Cotton, J. Crandall, Creed, R. Cupp. ROW 3: Daniels, E. Davis, Egly, Fair, Farling, Flynn, Foster, J. Franze, Frauhiger. ROW 4: Fulton, S. Geels, Gehrett, E. Gelow, S. Gerber, Gibson, Gilgen, Jerry Gregg, Grimes





Freshman History

The green freshmen entered the halls of B. H. S., their home for the next four years, with pep and energy which was exhibited in their support of the magazine campaign and their enthusiasm in backing the Tigers. Latin, biology, and algebra kept the frosh busy studying through the year.

Frosh officers pose in front of school. Pres., Moon, Vice-Pres., Sprunger, Sec., Aeschliman, Ath Coun., Reiff, and Treas., Rudy



Freshmen sponsors, Mrs. Elsmere, and Mr. Ulmer discuss the license plate project. Not pictured, Mr. Larnport

Wrong rooms, strange halls, new

ROW 1 Aeschliman, M. Aeschliman, A. B. Barton, J. Barton, Baumgartner, Baylog, J. Beer, ROW 2 B. Bennett, F. Boly, J. Boly, Borch, Borch, J. Brown, Bulker, Cary, ROW 3 J. Carnall, Carr, Clark, Clow, C. Castello, B. Christal, Clap, Judy Davis, ROW 4 Davron, Decker, Deter, D. Doran, N. Edington, F. Ellis, A. Flowers, R. Flowers, Fuller





ROW 1: R. Gaven, R. Goff, G. Goff, B. Goff, V. Goff, G. Goff, G. Goff, Jan Guthrie. ROW 2: Harris, Hathaway, Hobbie, Hovey, M. Hume, Kachr, Knowles. ROW 3: Bill Laimore, P. Lockwood, J. Marklev, K. Marklev, N. Marklev, Masterson, Milby, Monroe. ROW 4: Moon, C. Moser, L. Myers, L. McFarren, Nicholson, Noonan, D. Pence, J. Perry, N. Petzel.

activities, and selling license plates . . . these are the

ROW 1: Phillabaum, S. Pfeiffer, G. Pines, Redding, Reed, R. Reiff, P. Rehbein, Rice. ROW 2: S. Romine, M. Ross, R. Rader, Rader, Satterthwaite, Scherke, P. Scott, T. Shady. ROW 3: Sharp, L. Sheets, C. Shiger, W. Snider, Sowards, Spence, Starn, Stuck. ROW 4: R. Taylor, Treger, B. Tamm, T. Tamm, D. Tamm, W. Tamm, G. Weiss, B. Weiss, E. Young.





memories of our underclass-men.

Janet Fethers and Becky Crandall dash in as the bell rings—late as usual

Shirley Geels makes a purchase from Sue Helms as Bette Kistler helps Carolyn Clark

Shirley Van Emen and Ben King look at magazines in the library

'Cats of B. H. S.' Fitzpatrick, Brower, Uptgraff, D. Flowers, D. Lockwood, J. Geels

Between-class break

Gab session before the bell Lusk, Farling, Richey, J. Meyer





ACTIVITIES





Dorothy Gass explains the subscription blanks to Phyllis Dorrance and Gerald Schaefer



Literary editors, E. Scott, Maddux, K. Venis, B. Carnall go over their copy

Retrospect

As the Retrospect grew page by page, the staff found that publishing a year book was no simple matter. This book had to recall memories of the 1955-1956 school year—now as well as twenty years from now. The word

“deadline” became a dreaded word in the staff’s vocabulary.

Here is the finished product. The 1956 Retrospect staff hopes you will enjoy this record of your “Moments to Remember.”

Deadlines, snaps, effort, and patience . . .

STANDING: N. Holloway, Neff, S. L. Myers, D. Flowers, Freshwater, R. Jones, Tyndal, B. Carnall, Mrs. Elston, G. . . SEATED: Fitzpatrick, K. Venis, Maddux, E. Scott

STANDING: H. H. Schmidt, Sheets, Negetschwan, del. Croston, H. T. Tamm, Robert Weiss, Schaefer, Stogdill. SEATED: Dorrance, Elston, Ulmer, Burroughs





Editorials, jokes, interviews, and news . . .



Comet

"Comets out this morning; have your nickels ready!" This familiar announcement heralds the news that another issue of the "Comet" is coming. The "Comet" is our school paper. It closely records student and faculty life in Bluffton High School. It gives us news of school events and of community events that will affect students. It encourages understanding and co-operation among students, faculty, and friends of the school.

Becky Johnston is editor-in-chief, Beverly Mead heads the business staff, and Mr. Park is the sponsor.

Adviser Park helps Editor Johnston.
Business Manager Mead distributes "Comets" to sellers, Stout, Sheets, Judy Guthrie, and S. Geels.

EDITORIAL STAFF—1ST ROW: K. Grove, D. Higgins, Fitzpatrick, Burroughs, J. Ulmer, M. Elston, Tyndall; 2ND ROW: Betsy Larmore, N. Bowman, C. Venis, Stout, R. Taylor, L. Brown, Maddux; 3RD ROW: Neff, Munson, Isch, B. Carnall, Rhodes.

BUSINESS STAFF—1ST ROW: Worthman, Santon, E. Kneiss, Eichhorn, Thoma, P. Wells, S. Van Enon, Sheets; 2ND ROW: Mason, Leimgruber, J. Meyer, Sawyer, Judy Guthrie, Stout, Bev. Weaver, Bev. H. Kopp, F. Milholland; 3rd row: S. Myers, Croy, Gross, Alberson, J. Geels, Emshwiller, Brower, Gass.

BUSINESS STAFF—1ST ROW: Neuenschwander, Rich, C. Schreiber, D. Wiley; 2nd row: K. Venis, Ben King, C. Templin.

Band

The Bluffton High School band had a busy and rewarding year. They provided music and entertainment at the football and basketball games, performed in the Annual Street Fair parades, gave concerts, and furnished music

for convocations. They entered various music contests where they consistently placed high. Bluffton was host for the first time to the District Band and Chorus Contest on March 24

Concerts, pressed trousers, sweet music,

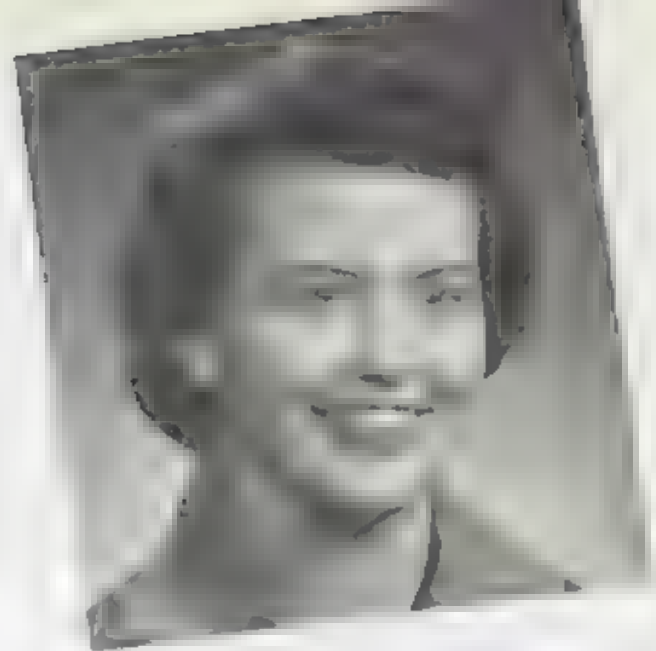


ROW 1: S. L. Myers, J. Thompson, Petzel, Templin, Worthman, Thoma. ROW 2: Emshwiller, B. Mittlestedt, B. Pence, Eisaman, Milholland, E. Scott, Rhodes, N. Shady, J. Carnall. ROW 3: Redding, Mason, S. Romine, Earhart, Gass, Settle, Munson, Hunter, Tyndall, Bowman, Park, Tangeman, Grimes. ROW 4: P. Barton, Nicholson, Fetters, Cotton, Hoffacker, L. Steffen, Plummer, T. Snider, Bachelor, V. Snider, B. Franze. ROW 5: Ward, Sawyer, Monroe, Schaefer, M. Moser, Mr. Schlatter, Director, Not Pictured, Lesh, Cupp, Bulger



Vocal Department

The annual Christmas Cantata was the highlight of the vocal department's school year. It was a successful and colorful event. The boys' and girls' choruses also presented a variety of programs for different organizations in Bluffton.



practice, Christmas programs, and choir robes . . .

Miss Conwell directs both Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs

ROW 1: Jerry Thompson, Maxson, D. Park, P. Van Emon, D. Higgins. ROW 2: C. Moser, Cochran, M. Moser, E. Kahn

ROW 1: Miss Conwell, Deming, C. McFarren, Leimgruber, L. Brown, Clowser, S. McFarren, M. Van Emon. ROW 2: J. Romine, Powell, Zingsheim, B. Carnall, R. Taylor, Marshman, Weaver, J. Markley. ROW 3: M. Higgins, A. Carnall, Spencer, E. Kneuss, Jones, August, N. Bowman, Judy Davis, Pfister, G. Taylor



Maddux interrupts family argument. Motz, M. Elston, Maddux



A week-end in the country—with rain. M. Elston, Maddux, E. Kneuss, Rhodes, M. Geels, J. Ulmer, G. Turmail, Schmidt, Emshwiler.

Make up, lights, costumes, butterflies,



A stone house with some Revolutionary War history, no running water, a swarm of invading insects, and a slow moving handyman formed the plot of "George Washington Slept Here." This three act comedy was given by the class of 1956 in their junior year.

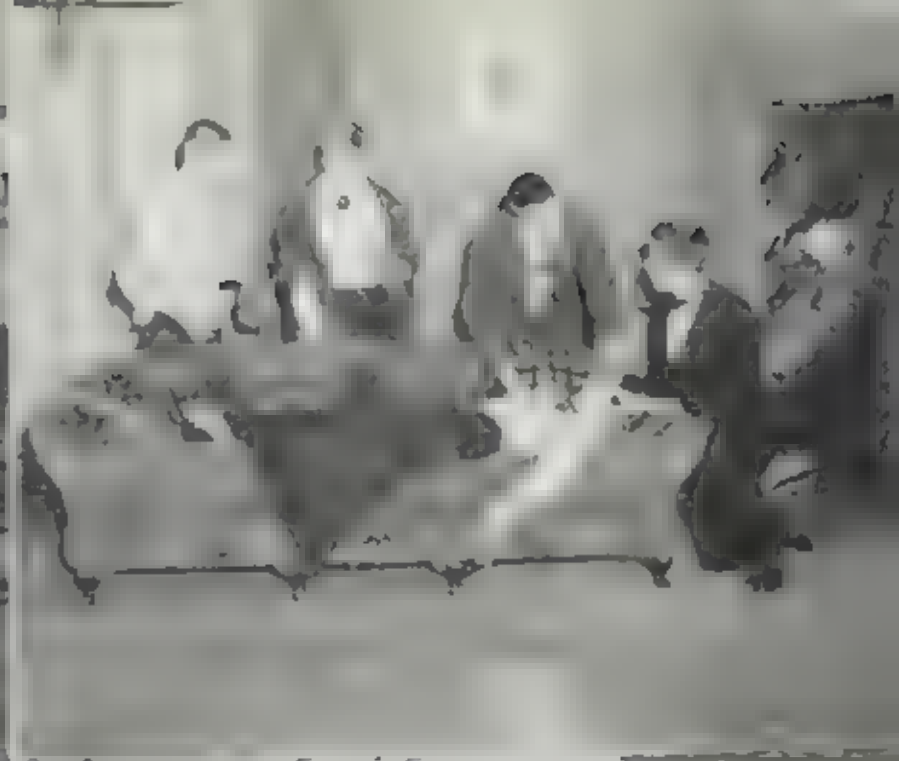
The cast, under the expert direction of Mr McNown, gave the audience many laughs, much enjoyment, and made the play a huge success!

Cast

STANDING: Marshall, J. Ulmer, G Turmail, R. Ross, Tyndall, Rhodes, Schmidt, Brower, J. Emshwiler, McNown. SITTING: M. Geels, Motz, B Carnall, M. Elston, Maddux, Neff, E Kneuss, S. L. Myers



"My pearls! My pearls!" says Elston, while servants, S. L. Myers, K. Venus, Rhodes, and J. Ulmer, look on



Tyndall, B. Carnall, J. Emshwiler, and Fitzpatrick revive Sarton

curtain calls, rehearsals, and cues . . .



Cast

KNEELING Mr. McNowe Jack Ulmer SITTING
E. Scott B. Carnall M. Elston C. L. G. SPAND-
ING K. Venus S. L. Myers Rhodes Fitzpatrick
Santon, Emshwiler Tyndall, Schmidt J. Greis

The stately, second floor living room of the Van Brett mansion was the setting of the Senior class play entitled "Double Door."

The rule of Victoria Van Brett's iron hand together with her possessive attitude towards a strand of heirloom pearls made this mystery one that will long be remembered

When the curtain fell, the class of 1956 brought to a close a short, but successful, acting career



Thespian Society

The Thespian Society encourages interest in dramatics and gives students an opportunity to actively participate in dramatic presentations.

A student who wishes to become a Thespian must serve as an understudy until he collects eleven points through acting and helping stage plays.

The Thespian Society is a growing organization. It is well known in Bluffton High School and also in the Bluffton community.



Jim Davis explains the lights to understudies: Eisaman, Y. Mittlestedt, Leimgruber, Johnston, W. Hammond, Gross, B. Lenoard, J. Gavin.

Thespians A. Sheets, Crosbie, and Santon dramatize for P. Wells, Burroughs, Dorrance, Riggle, Maddux, K. Venis, M. Elston, N. Holloway. **STANDING** J. Ulmer, Emshwiller, Stogdill, Neff, Gass, Rhodes.

Pres. Tyndall explains the point card to understudies: Ward, R. Steury, D. Park, P. Van Emon, Shafer, Tyndall. **ROW 2:** Wiley, Thoma, Worthman, C. Templin, S. Stout, Munson, Not Pictured, Eichhorn, C. Venis, and K. Santon.

Thespian officers look over play books. S. L. Myers, Mr. McNown, E. Scott, B. Carnall, Tyndall.

Skits, point cards, and formal initiation . . .



Hi-Y

The largest group of new members was brought into Hi-Y to begin the year. Activities of the Hi-Y included a Dad's Night, delivering Christmas Baskets to needy families, putting up the Christmas tree, and the traditional Hi-Y Best Girl Banquet. A new activity, which was a great success this year, was a bowling night. The Hi-Y also contributed to the Million Penny Fund and World Service. All in all, the Hi-Y members had an interesting and successful year.

Hi-Y sellers—J. Liby, Hall, Emshwiller, Shafer, R. Steele, Kunkel

Hi-Y officers talk with Mr Ulmer. STANDING Schmidt, W. Hammond, Fitzpatrick, Emshwiller, D. D. Lockwood, J. Ulmer

ROW 1: Fitzpatrick, D. Lockwood, Emshwiller, D. Higgins, Ben King, W. Hammond, J. Geels, Grove, Wesson, Hall, A. Scott, Osborn, Huss, J. Ulmer, Schmidt, Tyndall, B. Steury, Mr. Ulmer. ROW 2: High, Krill, J. Smekens, F. Booth, Grimes, E. Galloway, T. Snider, B. Elston, B. Cupp, Cochran, Rhodes, Hook, Wallace, Jim Davis, F. Schreiber, R. Steury, P. Van Emon, Somers. ROW 3: D. Lenoard, Shaw, Liby, Kiser, D. Park, Reeves, J. Edington, Murray, N. Shady, Bierie, Maxson, Mettler, R. Cupp, J. Gavin, M. Smekens, Tewell, Steele, ROW 4: P. Kneuss, Fair, Creed, Butler, J. Petzel, Cotton, Bachelor, Shafer, Tangeman, Inskeep, Henry, Kunkel, Bates, D. Prible, Turner, M. Moser



basketball concessions, Christmas tree, and Best Girl Banquet.





Y-Teens

In the fall of 1955, thirty new members were initiated boosting the Y-Teen membership to 130—the largest organization in the school.

The club went into full swing with a Best-Beau Banquet, the selling of peanut brittle, and Christmas cards. Our last event, the annual Mother's Day Tea, brought down the curtain on a memorable year.



ROW 1: S. Keller, Kneuss, B. Inskeep, S. L. Myers, Maddux, Crosbie, N. Holloway, S. Van Emon, Kistler. ROW 2: Spade, J. Crandall, Clark, Helms, Frauhiger, Marsh, L. Miller, Micklitsch, S. McFarren. ROW 3: S. Johnson, M. VanEmon, Jane Williams, Farling, Arend, Sult, Haifley, Daniels, G. Taylor.



ROW 1: Janet Williams, Isch, B. Larmont, Pfister, Lusk, Gerber, Neuenschwander, S. Geels. ROW 2: Croy, Thoma, Gross, Dorrance, B. Leonard, Sheets, Swagart, Milton. ROW 3: C. Venis, V. Snider, Johnston, Mead, Eichhorn, Earhart, August, N. Bowman.

ROW 1: Weaver, R. Taylor, D. Alberson, C. McFarren, Hill, Marshman, M. Estlin, S. Ross. ROW 2: J. Romine, B. Penrod, K. Venis, Carnall, B. Miller, M. Higgins, P. Wells. ROW 3: Smeltzer, Riggle, Sprowl, Stogdill, L. Brown, Burroughs, Santon, Deming. ROW 4: Richey, Wiley, Stout, J. Wilson, Zingsheim, Schreiber, Powell, Leimgrube.

Peanut brittle sales, hospital tray favors . . .



ROW 1: Judy Guthrie, Mason, Settle, Mrs. Crownover, Templin, Neff. ROW 2: E. Scott, Gass, Milholland, Eisaman, Crump, Barwiler. ROW 3: Munson, Sawyer, Meyer, Y. Mittlestedt, Ward, J. Thompson.



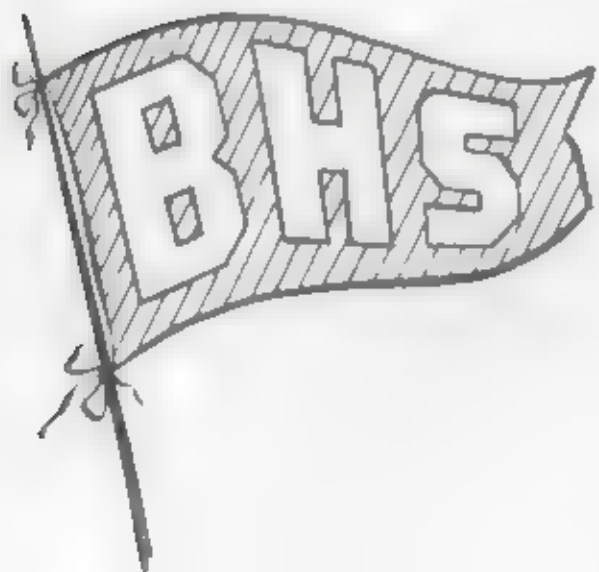
Y-Teen council listens as Wilson gives the financial report. Noff, Stogdill, Wilson, Marshman, Mrs. Crowhaver.



Hospital favors are made by Y-Teen girls. Faithful S. Stout, A. Carnall, D. Perry, Bea LeRue, Clark.



saggy jerseys, exhausted lungs, and letter formations . . .



The Bluffton Tigers had an unfailing source of energy and enthusiasm in the Cheer Block. One hundred thirty-two girls—seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen—united as one group to cheer the Tigers on to victory. The Cheer Block featured new yells, old yells, and just yelling!

"Adsum" Vergile, and Latin Banquet



STANDING: P. Kneuss, Maxson, Fair, Muller, K. Miller, Grimes, Hall, Micklitsch, R. Cupp, S. Geels, Tangeman, Mettler, L. Miller, Hasinbiller, quaestor, Elston, praetor, Henry, Santon, Wallace, Farling, Bachelor, Marsh, scriba, Mrs. Bodkin, V. Snider, Cotton, tribunus plebis, Rhodes, consul, N. Smith, Shaw, E. Gelow, S. J. Ulmer, J. C. Randall, B. Smith, Frauhiger, Helms, Clark, Judy Thompson, M. Higgins

The Latin Club is organized to develop a better understanding of the way the Romans lived. At the monthly meetings Latin games, both fun and educational, are played.

In February, the members, dressed in togas, enjoyed a banquet complete with Roman food, slaves, and wrestling for entertainment.

book markers, check slips and bulletin board capers . . .

The Student Librarians render valuable service to our school by helping in the library. Their clever bulletin boards add color and humor to the walls of B. H. S. They went on a field trip in the spring to the campus of Ball State.



Marsh, Isch, Hasinbiller, V. Snider, Mrs. Christian, Marshman, Mead

remodeling Leroy, streamers, paints, and brushes.

P. Wells, Vice Pres.;
B. Arnold; Marsh,
Sec.; Hunter, Treas.
B. Penrod; Rush
W. Snider; Holloway,
Pres.; Mrs Wallace,
Sponsor



The art club considers its name 'The Dabblers' quite appropriate! They take part in many activities and can always be counted on to wield a wicked brush! The Dabblers ask nothing better than to be able to use their talents in furthering the celebration of a holiday or athletic event.

tractors plows, horses and cattle . . .

The highlight of the F.F.A. year was their trip last fall through Kentucky and Tennessee. Many funny experiences are remembered from this trip. They received practical experience as well as funds for their treasury from the F.F.A. farm.

ROW 1 (SITTING)
D. Pence, reporter,
Schenkel, Captain,
vice-pres., Creek
pres., Bercot, sec.,
Baumgartner, Treas.
ROW 2: Mr. Woolsey, Kahn, I.
Boe, G. Gray, Costello,
Alexander, Bill Inskeep, G. C.
ROW 3: Traeger, K.
Inskeep, Foreman,
G. Turmail, Hineslev,
Christianson, L. Scott, D. Prible



scholarly achievements, the flaming torch.



National Honor Society

Membership in the National Honor Society is the highest honor a student can receive in high school. Scholarship, character, leadership and service are stressed

ROW 1: Schmidt, Tyndall, Johnston, Holloway, Burroughs. ROW 2: E. Hiatt, S. L. Myers, Sheets, Gass, E. Scott. ROW 3: Carnall, M. E. Ston, Mead, Emshwiller, Miss Powers. Sponsor ROW 4: D. Flowers, Wasson, Fitzpatrick, Hammond, Rhodes

reward for hard work, supper at six,



Quill and Scroll

Quill and Scroll is an honorary journalism society. Its purpose is to maintain high ideals in school publications. Top "Comet" and "Retrospect" student journalists are eligible for membership.

Mrs. Elsmere, Sponsor, Carnall, Maddux, E. Scott, Rhodes, Johnston, S. L. Myers, Gass, Mead

penny fund, magazine sales, Tiger decals,

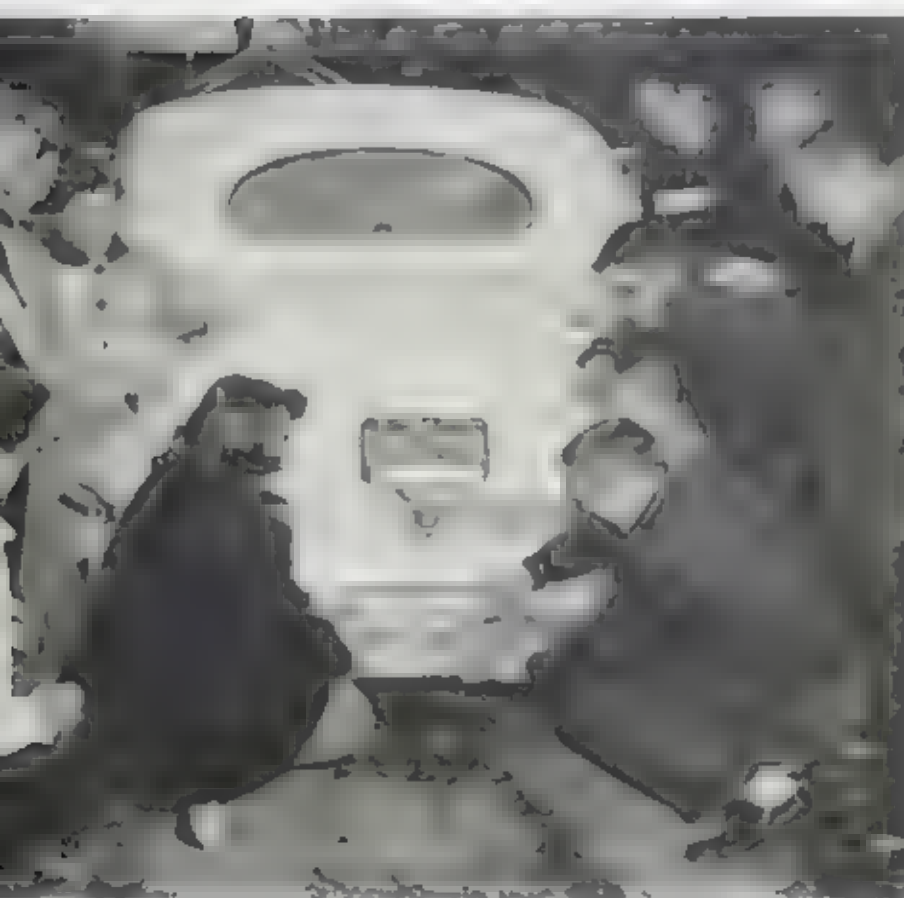
Student Council

The Student Council is an active group of elected students who represent the entire student body. The organization discusses and settles problems which arise in the school. The Student Council reached its goal in the Million Penny Fund campaign this year.

Tyndal, Lockwood, Fitzpatrick, Holloway, Nuff, sec-treas., Schaefer, Schmidt, pres., Flowers, and Rhodes prepare for the magazine campaign

Student Council members help advertise their product. Shafer, D. Ulmer, R. Geels, B. Crandall, Worthman, Hook, High, I. Beer, Heller, Foreman

They also have "penny roundups." R. Cupp, Eichhorn, Tangeman, Johnston, Murray, B. Stout, Wasson, Moon





these are all a part of school days.

Baker helps Wallace with his
a time at the Latin Banquet.
The dancing rooms of the class
play are the stage and property
claws.

P. F. A boy goes for a picture
on the each trip.

Practicing their winning State
Contest number are Tyrona,
D. Park, Targeman, and B.
Bowman.

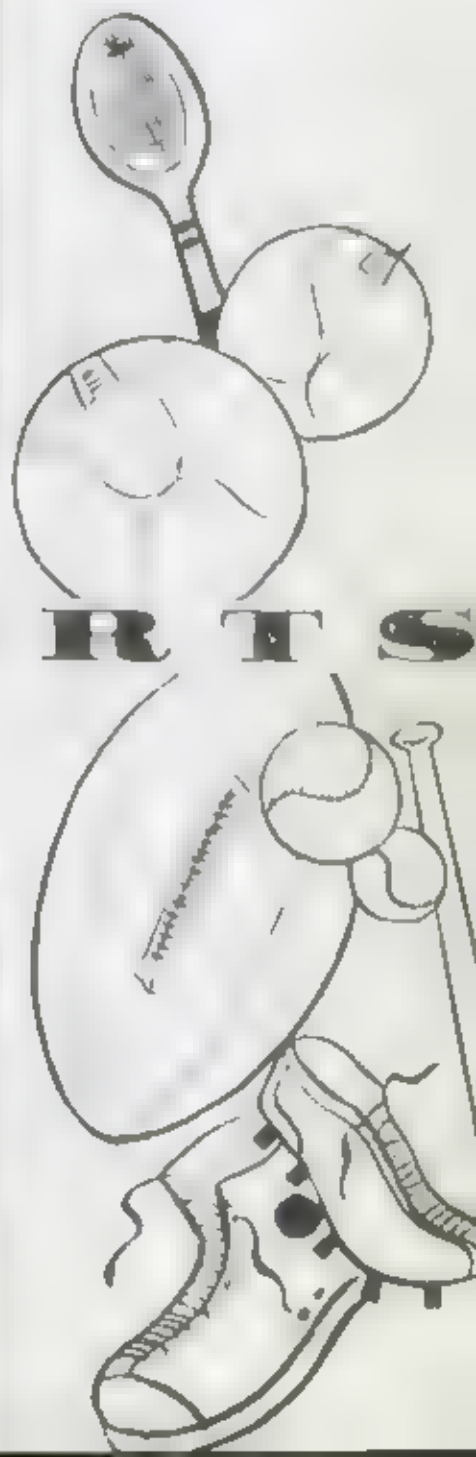
Twirlers Judy Thompson, Ma-
son, L. Miller, Judy Galt, and
P. Wells and Marjette
Morse are at

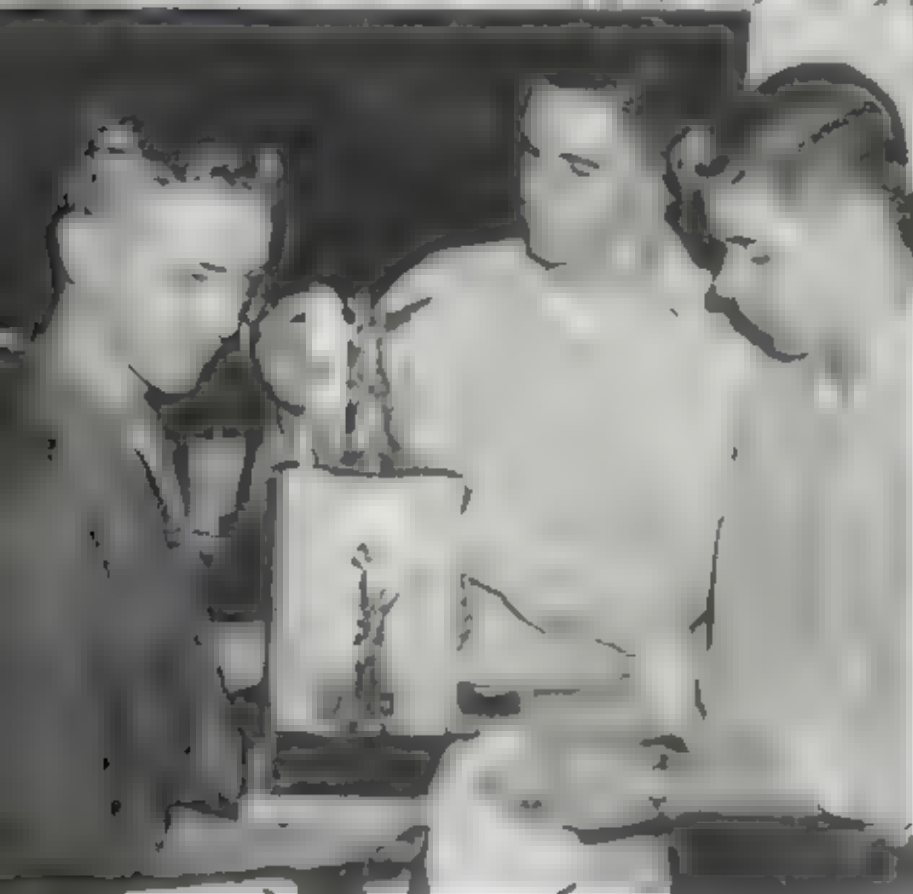
What fun these dances were!





S P O R T S





ROW 1: D. Creek, B. Steury, J. Petzel, H. Creed, Somers, Heiter, B. Elston, Jim Davis, Fair, P. Kneuss, Mettler, Bates, Huss. ROW 2: Schmidt, Uptgraft, D. Higgins, Fitzpatrick, A. Scott, Grove, J. Geels, D. Ross, Flowers, Newell, Emshwiler, Brower, V. Kahn. ROW 3: Mr. Larmore, Plummer, Park, Hook, Bieri, Hammond, Tangeman, Mr. Hoffman, Wasson, Kunkel, Henry, Bachelor, R. Steury, Tewell, Steele, Mr. Jacks

Managers Huss, Creek, and Bates polishing our newly-won trophies

Win after win led us to our



Coaches Mr. Jacks and Mr. Hoffman examining new equipment

Football

The grid men of Bluffton High, under Coach Hoffman, came through with the magic word "undefeated" attached to their record. This is the first Bluffton High School football team to have a record of 8 wins, no defeats, and 1 tie.

In conference play the Tigers finished in a first place tie with Concordia, each team having achieved a 5-0 record. Selected for the conference first team were linemen Dave Flowers and Virgil Kahn and fullback Allan Scott. Bluffton's Dick Uptgraft was named to the second team backfield. Receiving honorable mention for line play were Joe Emshwiler and Dick Ross.



Frosh footballers gaze up at the varsity picture in the gym ROW 1: B. Barton, J. Carnall, Moon, Borrer, T Tuttle, N. Edington. ROW 2 Bill Laimore, Stuck, C Moser, Rice

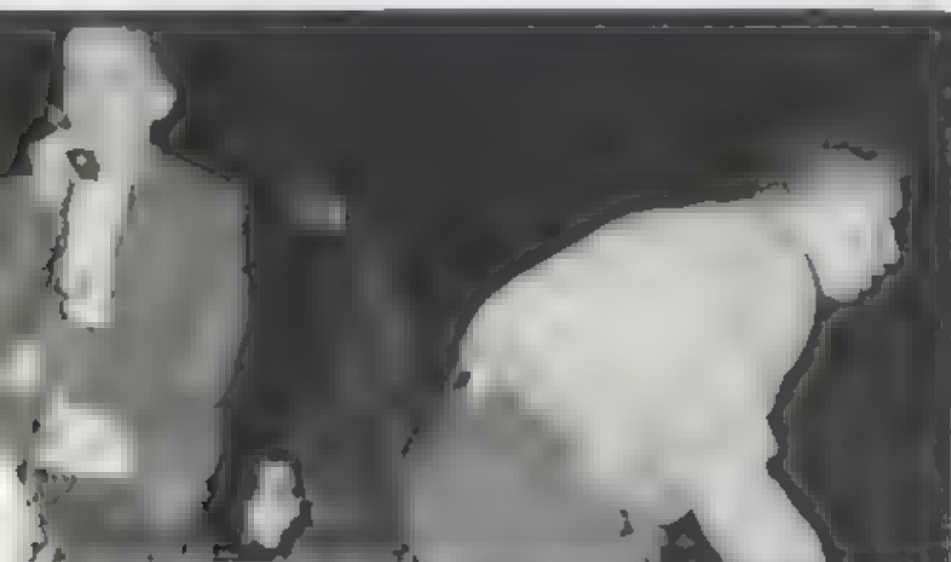
undefeated N. E. J. C. champion-ship.

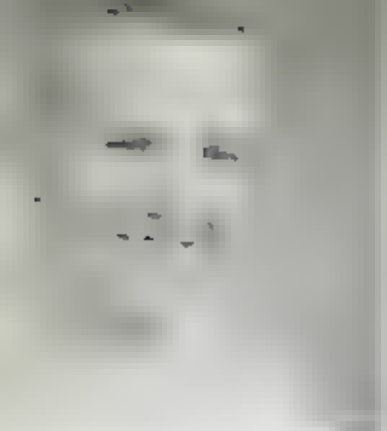
Freshman coach, Brinson, and manager D Reiff, talk before going out to the field

Jack Ulmer reports to the loud speaker while "Herb" watches the play anxiously

Tewell receives last minute instructions before entering the game

The undefeated NEJC champions celebrate!

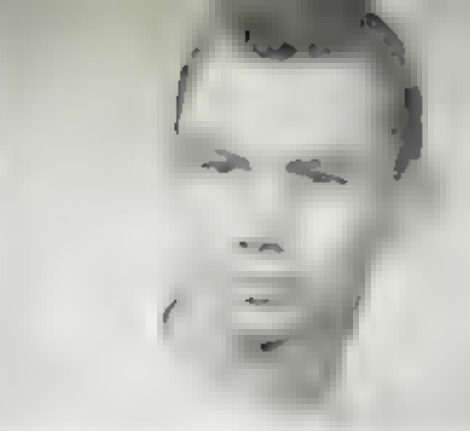




Larry Bachelor
football



Gene Bierie
football



Jay Brower
football



Jerry Christianson
wrestling



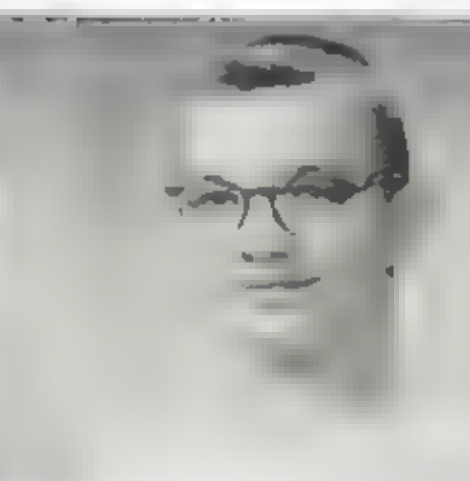
Dave Creek
track



Jim Davis
baseball, football



Joe Emshwiller
football



Bob Elston
football



Bill Fair
wrestling



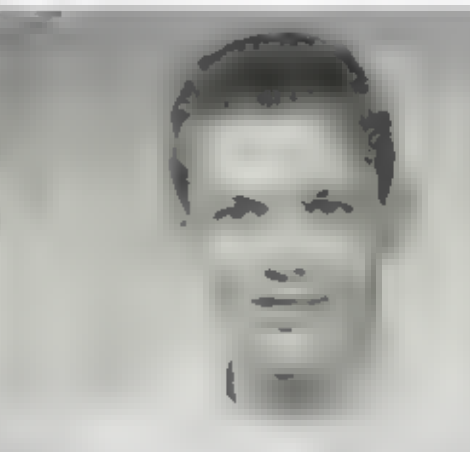
Jack Fitzpatrick
football, basketball



Dave Flowers
baseball, track, football,
basketball



Jim Geels
football



Jack Gregg
baseball



Keith Grove
track, football, basketball



Wade Hammond
track, football, basketball



Bob Henry
football



Denny High
wrestling



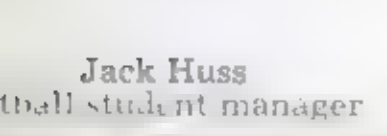
Don Higgins
football



Steve Hinesley
basketball



Jerry Hook
track, football



Jack Huss
football, student manager



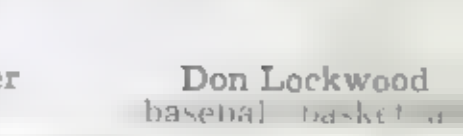
Virgil Kahn
football, wrestling



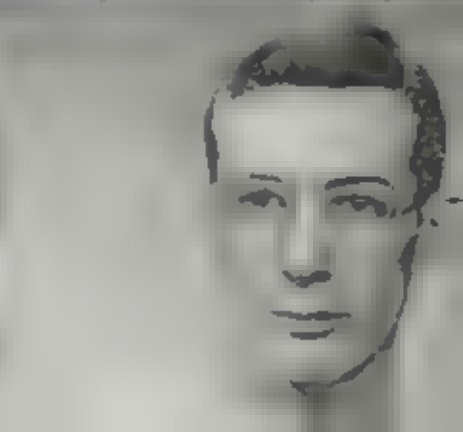
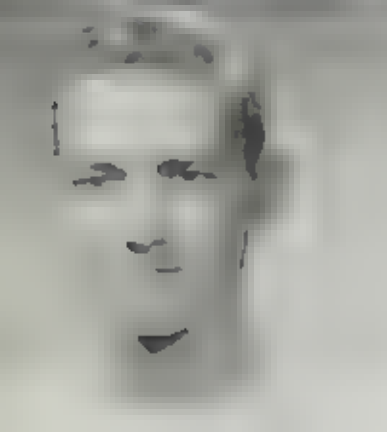
Larry Kunkel
football

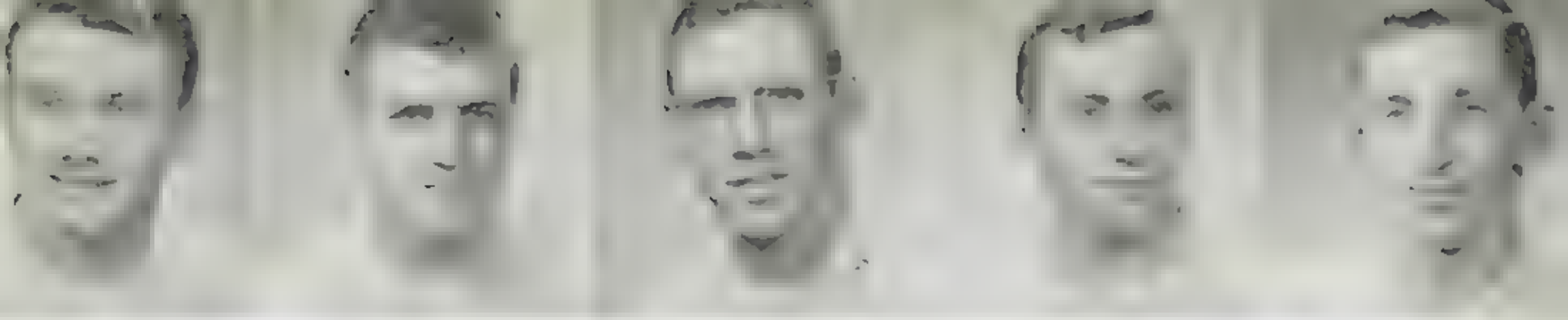


Dick Lautzenheiser
baseball



Don Lockwood
baseball, basketball





Steve Newell
football

Don Park
football

Tom Plummer
football, wrestling

Don Reeves
baseball student manager

Dick Ross
football, wrestling



Dick Schmidt
k, basketball, football



Allan Scott
football, track



Larry Scott
basketball



Dave Somers
football, wrestling



Junior Steele
football



Bill Steury
wrestling



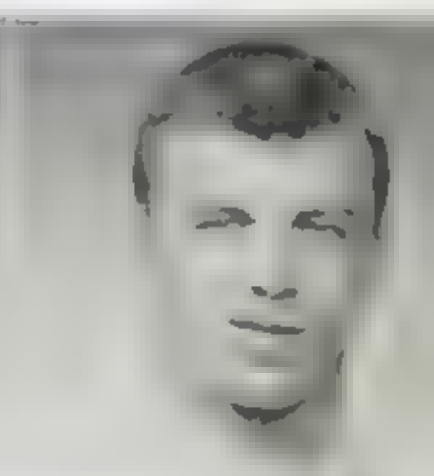
Rudy Steury
football



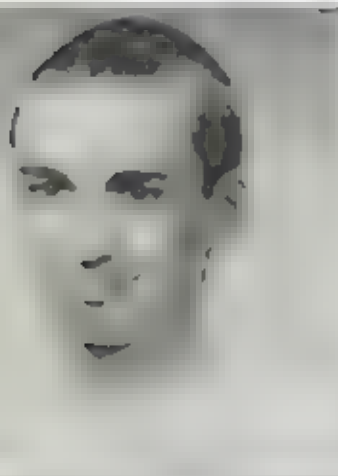
Lester Steffen
wrestling student manager



Tom Tangeman
basketball



Bill Tewell
baseball, football, basketball



Phil Tyndall
basketball student manager



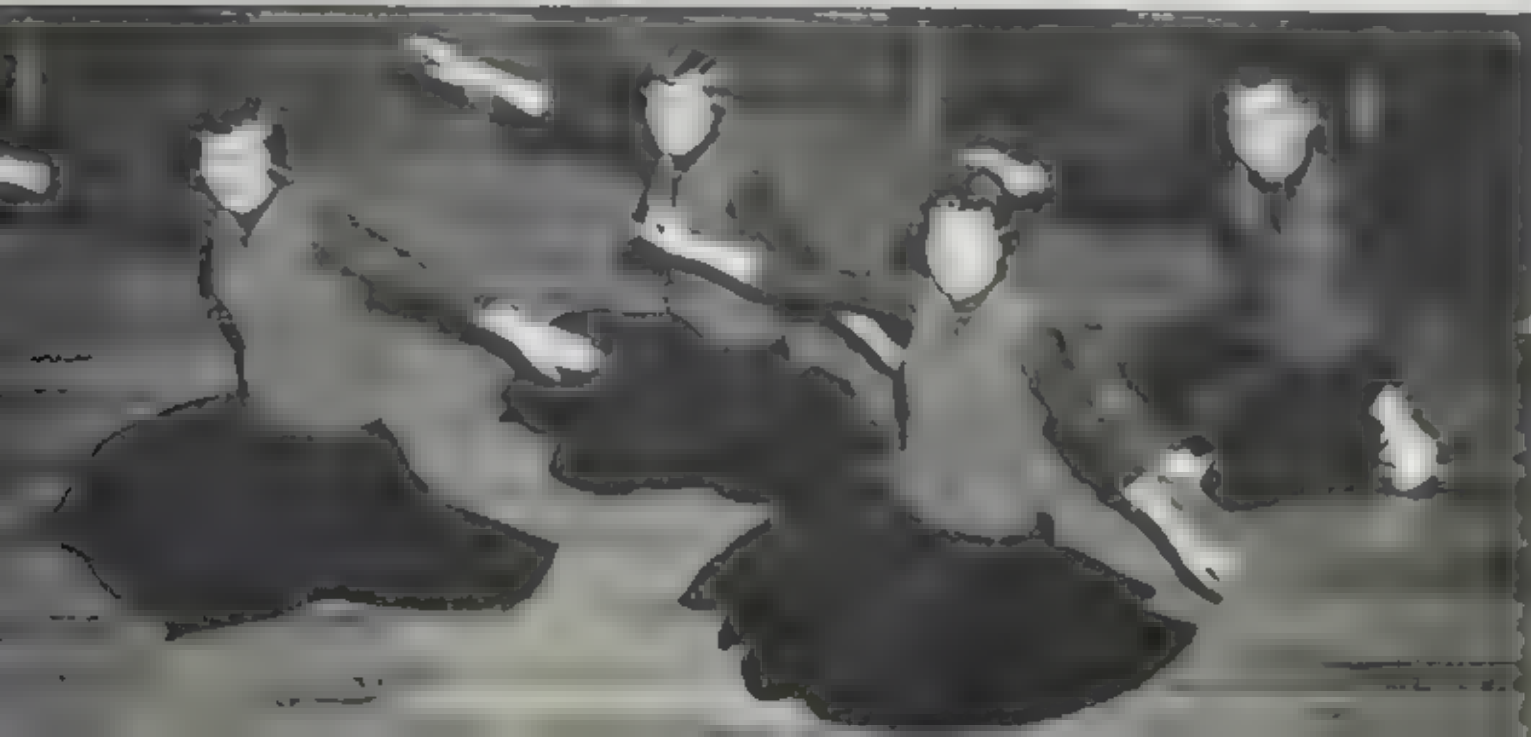
Jack Ulmer
basketball student manager



Dick Uptgraft
baseball, track, football, basketball



Ted Wasson
baseball, basketball, football



Our peppy yell leaders, Dort Worthman, Pat Thoma, Betty Lenoard, and Ben King tell those Tigers "to beat 'em!"



The jubilant Tigers "relax" after taking the sectional
 KNEELING Mr. Compton, Grove, D. Lockwood, D. Flowers, Uptgraft, Park. STANDING Tingen and Tyn-
 dall, W. Hammond, L. Scott, Tewell, J. Ulmer, Fitzpatrick, Wasson, Mr. Brinson

Tiger hoopsters led us through a **Basketball**

the Tigers in an overtime game at the Marion
 Regional

The Bluffton Tigers ended another fine sea-
 son of basketball under the leadership of
 Coach Compton. They won 15 games and lost
 9 games

The Tigers became Sectional champs for the
 third straight year. They defeated Liberty
 Center and Lancaster to win the sectional.
 The Tiger defeat of Lancaster in the tourna-
 ment finals marked Coach Compton's 100th
 victory as a Bluffton High School basketball
 coach

Clear Creek (Huntington county) defeated

Student managers Tyn dall, Park
 J. Ulmer, are busy cleaning bases.
 Do they always work that hard?

Coach Compton checks the practice procedure with Mr. Brinson

ROW 1: Gibson, P. Kneuss, Mettler, Bill Inskeep, Creed, Bierie, Jim Davis
 Steele, R. Cupp, D. Leonard

ROW 2: Bachelor, Murray, Hook, Henry, B. Bowman, Wallace, Reeves,
 Heller, S. Holloway, Mr. Brinson





Freshman basketball helps develop fundamental skills. ROW 1: Monroe, N. Edington, Noonan, J. Carnall, T. Tuttle, Rice, Hite, Moon. ROW 2: Davison, Dotan, B. Battor, Stack, Sowards, Geisel, Hatnaway, Mr. Hoffman.



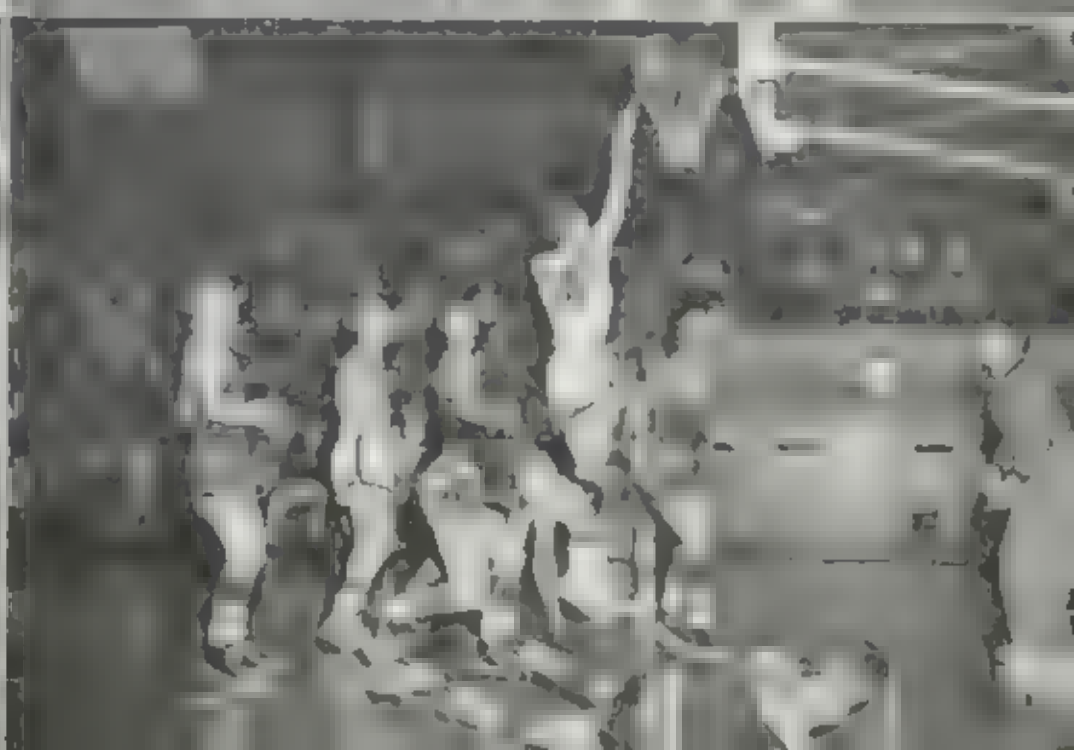
The 1955-1956 basketball team helps Mr. Compton celebrate his 100th birthday as Tiger mentor.

successful season including a sectional championship . . .

Freshman basketball C. Moser and D. Reiff, and volleyball leader R. Geels, look forward to the Sectional Tournament. Not pictured J. Bulger. Lockwood shoots from the corner while Tangeman and Wasson tense for the rebound.

Flowers has the ball at the tip of his fingers as he goes for the basket.

Wasson drives through Ossian opposition to the basket.





Charlie beats it out for a hit

Game scores:	Bluffton	Opponent
Portland	11	12
New Haven	3	5
Columbia City	13	2
Concordia	4	3
Kendallville	6	5
Columbia City	9	5
Decatur	6	2
New Haven	5	14
Concordia	2	3
Decatur	4	6

Home runs, curve balls,

Baseball

The battling Tigers fought to a 5 win 5 loss record and a third place in the conference. The Tigers, loaded with underclassmen, had to rely on natural ability and fighting spirit. The ability and spirit of the team and Coach Compton brought them through the first

half of the season with flying colors.

The Tigers placed 4 players on the N.E.I.C. —Conference team. These were Dick Uptgraft, catcher; Dave Flowers, pitcher; Don Lockwood, outfielder; and Jerry Randall, infielder



KNEELING: Schmidt, Tewell, Jack Gregg, Emshwiller, Kunkel, Bowman, D. Lenoard, Steele, Lautzenheiser. STANDING: Rhodes, Murray, Uptgraft, Lockwood, Randall, Flowers, Wasson, B Lusk, E. Higgins, Jim Davis, Reeves, Mr. Compton.



Scottie breaks the string but Schnitz is close behind



With up and over Charlie captures another first for BHS

high jumps, and hurdles are a part of our spring sports . . .

Track

The Bluffton Tiger Thinclads of 1955 under Coach Hoffman compiled a reputable 6 win 3 loss record. The thinclads placed fourth in the conference and third in the sectional meet.

Allan Scott, Tiger sprinter, set a new school and sectional record running the 220-yd dash in 22.6 seconds. The relay team composed of Jerry Randall, Joe Creek, Dave Creek and Bob Ulmer broke the school and the Wilson Field mile relay record with a 3:39.4 mile.

ROW 1: Uptgraft, Schmidt, Emshwiller, Creed, Somers, Park
ROW 2: Cochran, Fair, Newell, Hook, Grove, J. Geels, Henry, D. Creek, B. Ulmer, A. Scott, ROW 3: L. Sliger, Bierie, Heller, Hammond, J. Creek, B. Lusk, Harter, Randall, Flowers, Tangeman, Bachelor, Mr. Jacks, Mr. Hoffman





Emshwiller shoots a foul shot as his championship team looks on. B. Franze, F. Booth, M. Smekens, Newell, Brower, D. Prible, Campbell, B. Elston.



Mr. Edington and Mr. Templin keep the score straight.

Mr. Bennett checks off B. Young as Harness and D Prible wait their turn

Intramural captains, Jack Gregg, J. Ulmer, Schmidt, I. Beer, and Emshwiller, listen to fellow captain Deam's woeful tale

Championship basketball for 10c a ticket . . .



Intramural Basketball

As always, intramural basketball was one of the favorite activities of the student body. Emshwiller's team came home with top honors as he led his team to an undefeated season.

In the last game of the season the teams of Emshwiller and Gregg combined to score 99 points. This was the highest number of points ever scored in one intramural game at Bluffton.





Wrestling Team

ROW 1 (SITTING): B. Steury, P. Van Emon, High, Shaw, V. Kahn, Butler, Schorey, Somers. ROW 2 (STANDING): Mr. Jacks, Christianson, R. Ross, Kunkel, T. Snider, Fair, Plummer, L. Steffen

our new major sports increase in popularity.

Wrestling

The 1955-1956 edition of the Bluffton High School wrestling team turned in a fine season in its first year as a major sport. The Tigers sent a full team to the sectional tournament. Bill Steury, in the 95 pound class, placed for the State Meet.

Tennis

The addition of tennis as a major sport in the Bluffton High School athletic program was due to the fine showing of the tiger netmen in 1955.

The veteran club of juniors and sophomores had their first winning season, eight wins and two losses, since tennis was re-established at Bluffton High in 1951.



Tennis Team

Mettler, Tyndall, Fitzpatrick, Hinesley, Mr. Kaufman, Wasson, Jim Davis, Tewell, R. Cupp, J. Ulmer



Girl's Athletic Association

The Girls' Athletic Association, under the leadership of Miss Bentler, met each Friday and participated in softball, basketball, volleyball, and tumbling. On Wednesday, bowling was an added recreational feature.

G.A.A. is open to all girls. Awards

play days, volley ball, pyramids.



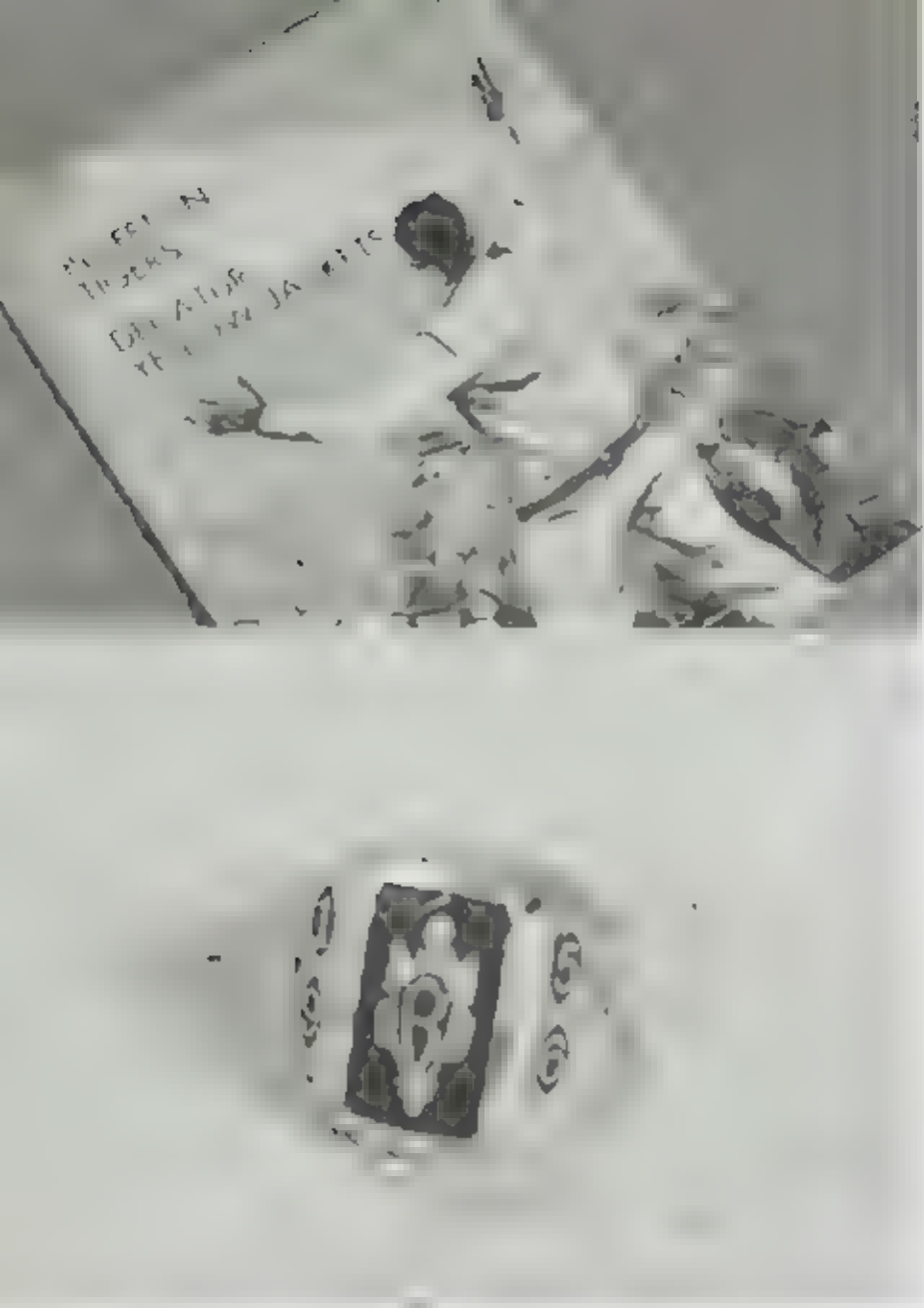
are given each spring to those individuals who have met the requirements established by the I.H.S.A.A. These requirements include participation, health, grade eligibility, and sportsmanship. Members are considered active as long as they participate and pay annual dues; however, they are not initiated until they have earned 50 points.

Vice-president Thoma assists Treasurer Munson while President Worthman and Secretary V. Snider look on.

G. A. A. girls play for all their worth.

ROW 1 (SITTING): McBride, D. Arnold, Worthman, D. Arnold, Worthman, Thoma, V. Snider, Munson, Maddux, B. Lenoard, Mead, Templin. ROW 2 (KNEELING): Boren, Marsh, Micklitsch, Rudy, Y. Mittlestedt, Sult, Daniels, L. Miller, B. Turmail, J. Holloway, Judy Thompson. ROW 3 (STANDING): Miss Bentler, M. Hill, S. Prible, D. Ulmer, S. Sawyer, Milholland, Eisaman, P. Rehbein, Sils, Settle, P. Scott.

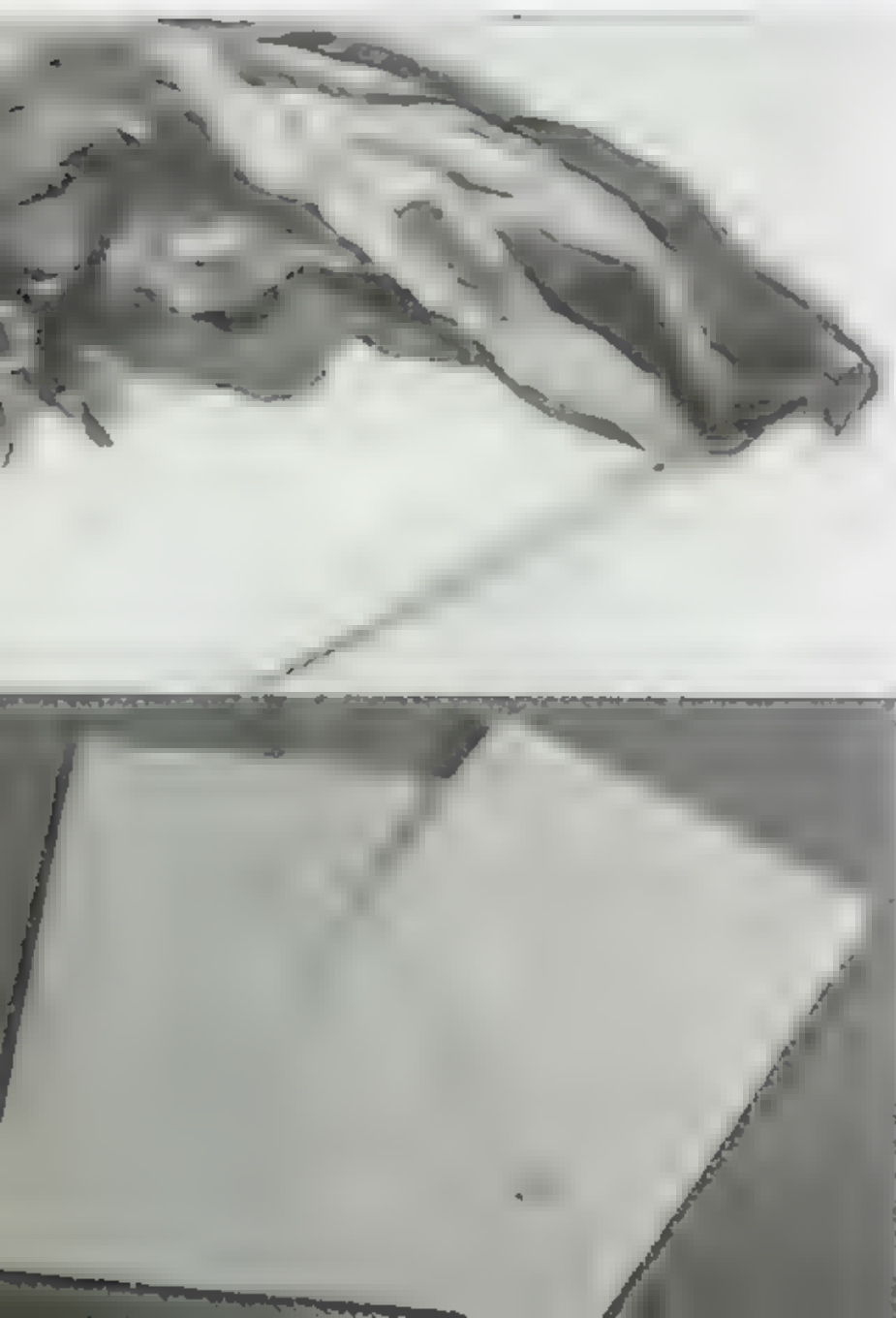




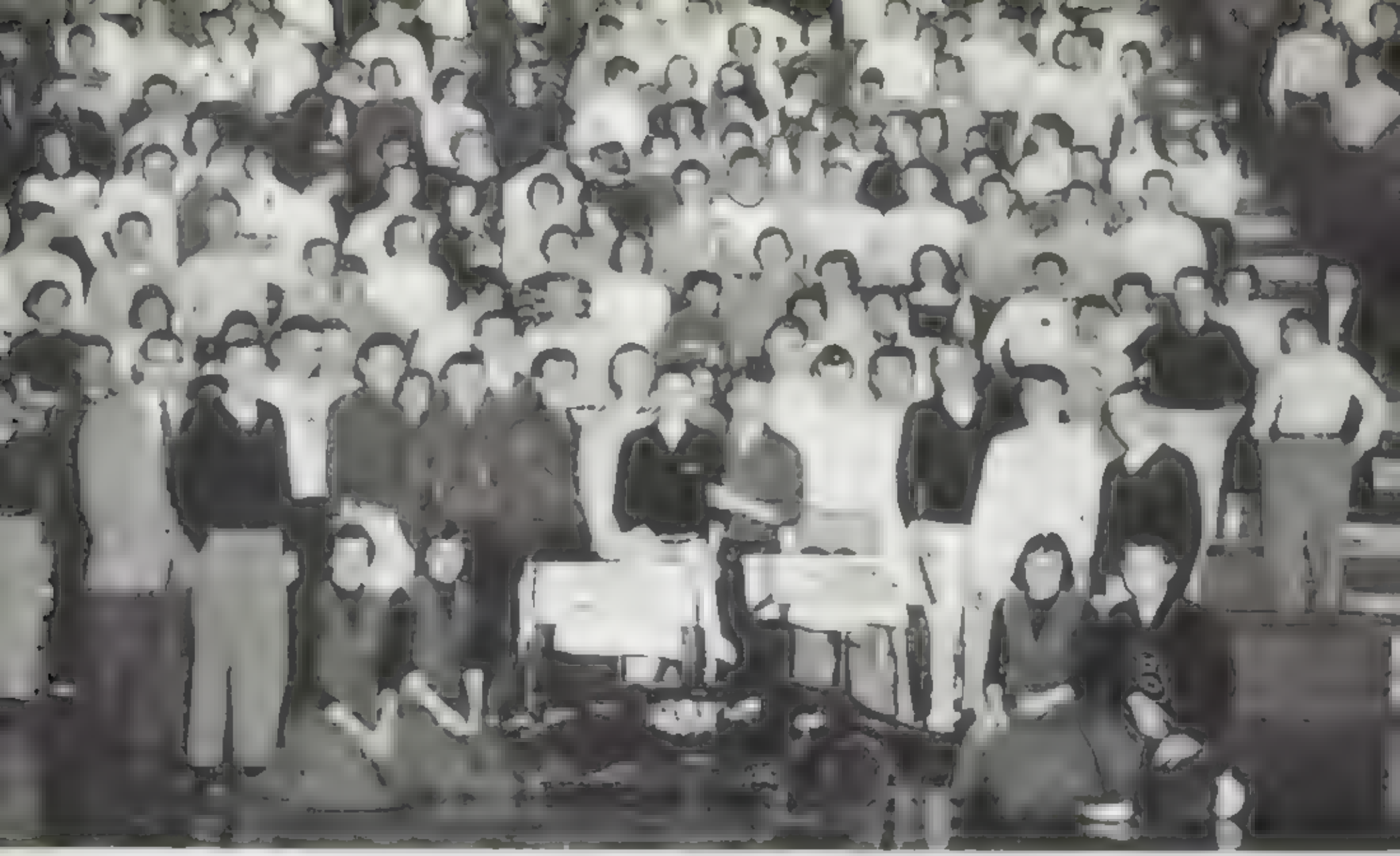
B. H. S. Calendar

- Sept. 6—The opening of this school year with all its activities will give the students many wonderful moments to remember!
- Oct. 31—B.H.S. closed its doors to school work as the whole student body celebrated the undefeated football season with a program, entertainment, cake and ice cream.
- Nov. 5—The Reformed Church basement decorated in the theme of "Harvest Moon" was the stage of the Y-Teen Banquet.
- Nov. 11—The seniors brought their high school acting career to a successful conclusion by presenting the drama, "Double Door."
- Dec. 11—The Christmas scene was brought alive in music when the glee club presented its annual cantata.
- Dec. 28—Bluffton was host and also captured the trophy at the Holiday Tourney.
- Feb. 21—The Halls of B.H.S. became a Roman banquet hall during the Latin Banquet.
- Feb. 25—The Tigers came through to become sectional champs once again.

When we no more roam the halls of B. H. S., but go



- Feb. 29—Remember the birthday party for our twelve year old principal?
- March 9—The juniors embarked on their acting career when they presented the hilarious comedy, "Time Out for Ginger."
- April 27—Crowning of the "Blossomtime Queen" was the colorful conclusion to the annual Hi-Y "Best Girl" banquet.
- May 4—Y-Teen members entertained their mothers at a formal tea.
- May 18—The seniors were guests of the juniors at a gala banquet. Local organizations sponsored the post-banquet party held till dawn.
- May 20—Baccalaureate services added a solemn note to the final week of senior activities.
- May 21—The athletes of B.H.S. were given recognition at the annual awards party at the State Forest.
- May 22—Recognition, awards and scholarships were given Bluffton's outstanding students for scholastic ability.
- May 23—Ninety proud seniors received their diplomas at the conclusion of a memorable Commencement ceremony.



our separate ways, looking back on high school years.



The 1956 Retrospect staff wishes to show their appreciation to those who have made this book a reality. To the administration and faculty of Bluffton High School go our thanks for advice and cooperation. We also thank Tom Broom and the Fort Wayne Engraving Company, the Berne Witness Printing Company, Mr. Jack K. Bunty and the S. K. Smith Cover Company, and Bill, Bob, and Jim for their service and helpful advice.

1956 Sectional Champs—Nice going, guys!

On your mark! Get ready! Set! Go!

Tangeman goes in for a layup

An enthusiastic crowd cheers the Tigers on to an undefeated season



we'll have "these Moments to Remember".



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